

ANOKA COUNTY/BLAINE AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
18 October 2006

Commissioners Present: Don Rosacker, Anoka County Aviation
Barbara Haake, Mounds View
Shaun O'Keefe, Lexington
Jack Plasch, Lexington
Dave Kelso, Circle Pines

MAC Staff Present: Scott Skramstad, Noise Program Coordinator
Joe Harris, Manager/Reliever Airports
Christene Sirois, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 5:04pm.

APPROVAL OF THE 19 JULY 2006 MEETING MINUTES

The "Other Items Not on the Agenda" section of the 19 July 2006 meeting minutes will be corrected to reflect an anticipated January 2007 date for implementation of the ILS.

The minutes, as corrected, were unanimously approved.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Joe Harris, MAC, noted that all of the projects related to this past summer's construction are complete, with the exception of a few punch list items that the contractor is still working to finish. Some of these items may not be complete until spring 2007. The ILS approach looks like it will be published in January 2007. There are two proposed projects on the CIP program for 2007; one is to rewire Runway 18/36, the other is to extend a taxiway in front of the tower to the south end of the airport. **Harris** stated there is no movement on the Northwest building area and the FBO as the developer is still in the process of seeking a business partner to run the FBO. **Harris** estimated construction may begin in June or July 2007. **Jack Plasch, Lexington**, asked if the ILS is currently working. **Harris** said it is but that they are awaiting approval from the FAA to implement it. **Barbara Haake, Mounds View**, asked why there's more noise coming off the east side of the airport. **Harris** replied that the runway was closed for most of the summer for the runway extension project. Now that that runway has reopened, it is being used more often.

PROPOSED SUMMER EVENT

Joe Harris, MAC, noted that Anoka County, as part of its 150th anniversary celebration in summer 2007, is asking each city within the county to develop an event that ties in to the celebration. The City of Blaine and the Anoka County Airport are currently in preliminary discussions as to whether or not they would collaborate on such an event, with the final decision on collaboration resting with the City of Blaine. The airport has suggested tying in the event to the Discover Aviation Days event in May 2007.

NON-AERONAUTICAL DEVELOPMENT

Joe Harris, MAC, noted the airport is looking at ways to maximize the use of land around the airport for non-aeronautical development to generate additional revenue streams. **Harris** noted the airport is in the preliminary stages of examining this issue and that specific development projects have not been determined. He noted there's a 2.4 acre parcel of land off of Radisson Road, a parcel outside of the airport gate, some parcels on either side of Highway 10 and a parcel within the airport fence that may be development sites. The Commission is putting out a

Request for Proposals to solicit private partners for development; the Commission has not yet approached the FAA on the issue. **Shaun O'Keefe, Lexington**, asked if the property would be leased or sold. **Harris** stated it would be leased. **Plasch** asked if the land would be used for restaurants or hotels. **Harris** replied those are possible options for development. **Harris** also noted that wetlands have not been delineated and environmental issues have not been addressed at this time and he reiterated that the Commission is in the preliminary stages of the process.

ANE NOISE COMPLAINTS FOR JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2006

Scott Skramstad, MAC, noted there were 50 complaints from 11 complainants during the July-September 2006 time period. **Skramstad** noted there were slightly fewer complaints for the same time period last year, but that over the past year and a half noise complaints have increased. He stated this is primarily due to the community's ability to log noise complaints via the Internet. The opening of the east/west runway drove most of the complaints received during the third quarter. **Skramstad** stated he spoke with several of the complainants located on the east side of the airport; complainants close to the airport were concerned with pre-takeoff run-ups. The MAC has discussed whether or not the run-up area can be relocated and it was determined that that is not possible. **Skramstad** has communicated this information to the complainants affected. **Dave Kelso, Circle Pines**, asked if the complainants were new; **Skramstad** stated that they are. **O'Keefe** asked if the run-ups could be moved further to the west. **Harris** stated that the sub-bases of the run-up pads are thicker than in other areas, which makes them the correct place to do run-ups. In addition, he noted that wetland permitting issues also prevent moving the run-up area to the west. **Harris** noted that the tower tries to catch as many flights as possible that need to do extended run-ups and keep them on Runway 18/36 for that purpose. **Skramstad** reminded the group that the Commission has discouraged development close to the airport. **O'Keefe** noted that the airport removed trees as part of its construction and asked if it would be possible to plant pine trees along 95th. He noted that residents in that area appreciated the windbreak the trees provided. **Harris** noted that implementation of the ILS prohibits planting trees in that area. **Don Rosacker, Anoka County Aviation**, noted that the distance between the service road in that area and the fence is not great enough to accommodate trees. **Plasch** noted that property on either side of 95th has been purchased by United Properties and so there may be development in that area.

OTHER ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no other items.

NEXT MEETING

Discussion was held regarding scheduling Anoka County/Blaine Airport Advisory Commission meetings to occur less frequently than once a quarter. The group agreed to meet next in April 2007 and revisit the issue of meeting frequency at that time.

The next meeting was scheduled for 5:00pm on Wednesday, 18 April 2007.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:27pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Christene Sirois, Recording Secretary