

**ORMOND BEACH
AVIATION ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

July 10, 2017

7:00 p.m.

**City Hall Training Room
22 South Beach Street
Ormond Beach, Florida**

I. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Sam Hamilton, Bruce Manne, Skeeter Surguine, William Masters and Joe Wisniewski were present. Staff members present were Joe Mannarino, Economic Development Director, Steven Lichliter, Airport Manager, Ann-Margret Emery, Deputy City Attorney, and Terri Hamsher, Recording Secretary. Also present were representatives of NexTower Development Group, LLC, John Collins, Director of Operations and David Boeff, President, CEO.

II. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Manne moved, and Mr. Surguine seconded, approval of the April 10, 2017, and May 22, 2017, minutes. The motion was passed unanimously.

III. Noise Abatement

Mr. Lichliter advised the board that there was only one complaint regarding aircraft noise, from a citizen he hears from periodically, who lives on Coquina Ave. He shared with the board that although traffic was higher than normal, part of which was due to Embry Riddle having a large summer class of over 900 students, noise complaints were still down.

IV. Projects Updates

Mr. Lichliter provided an update on the wildlife hazard assessment, Taxiway G project, heliport improvements, Runway 8/26 rehabilitation and extension, and the runway approach obstruction clearing project.

Mr. Lichliter provided an illustration for the obstruction clearing project, and the board asked various questions on wildlife endangerment and the environmental assessment.

V. NexTower Presentation

Mr. Collins and Mr. Boeff of NexTower Development Group gave a presentation on the proposed cell tower project at the airport. A discussion ensued. The board expressed support of revenue to the airport and maintaining safety for pilots.

After the presentation and audience remarks, Mr. Masters moved, and Dr. Manne seconded, that staff research other possible sites for the proposed cell tower before continuing with the project.

VI. Audience Remarks

Gordon Arbeitman, 10 Mimosa Trail, Ormond Beach

Mr. Arbeitman asked what alternate sites were explored for the location of the cell tower. He expressed his concern regarding flight safety with a cell tower at the airport; he also spoke on the MDA. He indicated he did not receive a survey in 2012 regarding the cell tower project.

Larry Stout
677 North Beach St., Ormond Beach

Mr. Stout spoke on flight patterns in relation to the proposed location of the cell tower at the airport. He expressed concern regarding pilot safety and requested to have other locations for the cell tower explored.

Kevin Kelly
38 Timucuan Dr., Ormond Beach

Mr. Kelly spoke on his experience several months prior as a passenger in an aircraft when the engine stalled and almost did not land on the airport runway and expressed his concern regarding the location of the cell tower.

Al Jorczak
679 North Beach St., Ormond Beach

Mr. Jorczak shared that he was a member of the Planning Board and that the board rejected unanimously to build a cell tower at the airport. He spoke on the poor cell reception at the business park and his view regarding revenue for the airport. He suggested an alternate location for the cell tower at the nursery site. He asked if other locations for the cell tower could be explored.

VII. Member Comments

There were no additional comments from the members.

VIII. Meeting Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:

Terri Hamsher, Recording Secretary

Joe Wisniewski, Chairman