

**ORMOND BEACH  
AVIATION ADVISORY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING**

**January 12, 2009**

**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. Bob Behnke, Bruce Manne, Keith Riger, Larry Stout, and Larry Volenec were present. No members were absent. Staff members present were Steven Lichliter, Airport Manager and Terri Hamsher, Recording Secretary.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Behnke motioned and Mr. Riger seconded approval of the April 28, 2008, minutes.

**III. Administrative Matters**

Mr. Lichliter asked the board if they would consider changing the date and time of their meeting due to scheduling conflicts on the part of staff. The board currently meets quarterly on a Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

The board discussed possible dates and times for meeting and agreed to meet quarterly on the second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Lichliter introduced himself as the new part time Airport Manager and informed the board that he is an Ormond Beach resident, has a background in banking and finance and has flown at the Ormond Beach Municipal Airport for a number of years and is involved in the Civil Air Patrol.

Mr. Lichliter shared with the board the City's and his vision and goals for the airport. He mentioned that the airport has tremendous potential and can bring additional revenue to the city. The board thanked him for the overview.

**IV. Noise Issues**

Mr. Lichliter stated that he had not received many noise complaints since he's started, with the exception of a series of complaints from Timothy Street regarding helicopter traffic. After checking into the complaint he found that Neil Tomlinson had hired new flight instructors who weren't familiar with the way the flight patterns normally run. He stated that after he spoke with their chief instructor and Mr. Tomlinson, there were no additional complaints.

Mr. Lichliter stated that today he received an email from Commissioner Kelley about a lot of fixed wing flight traffic over The Trails and Tomoka Oaks over the past six weeks.

He wasn't sure what generated the complaint, and since he didn't know who originally had the concern, he wasn't able to speak with him to find out any more details. He said he did promise to talk with the flight schools to remind the instructors and students of the noise abatement procedures.

Mr. Lichliter mentioned in regards to noise from helicopters, Neil Tomlinson has been looking for property to lease 8-10 miles west/northwest, of the airport for a practice area which would help with the noise complaints.

Mr. Behnke advised that there was recent helicopter training around Bear Creek and last week it seemed to be near the property line. He stated that he noticed it because he was outside, however, no one complained to him about it and they know that he is on this board. Mr. Lichliter stated if Mr. Behnke got complaints to please let him know and he would talk with the FBO and chief pilot.

Mr. Volenec suggested giving the FBOs a one page document explaining flight patterns that they can share with new students and instructors. Mr. Lichliter stated that should be part of the orientation for new instructors, but he would do that.

A discussion then ensued regarding noise complaints, flight patterns, runways that are used, an overlay district at the airport as regards residential and business developments, and how DeLand and New Smyrna Beach are handling residential and commercial construction near their airports.

Mr. Stout stated that as regards the overlay district, he was referring to residential uses. Mr. Lichliter stated that he would speak with Hoyle Tanner and also Ric Goss, Planning Director, and provide an update to this board.

Mr. Riger stated that in DeLand the developers are asked to sign an agreement that they would tell buyers about the noise from the airport and that the information would be put into the plat. Mr. Lichliter stated that he would investigate this and provide an update.

Mr. Stout asked about the goals for the airport and the grants applied for in the past.

Mr. Lichliter explained that there was a grant in 2006 for design and construction of a heliport but that didn't happen. He stated that he could work on this to get commission approval for Hoyle Tanner to look at it and determine if there is a viable use for it. Mr. Lichliter stated that as far as grant funds, what he wanted was to make sure that needed infrastructure at the airport was tended to.

Mr. Lichliter advised that the rotating beacon failed and it could not be fixed. He stated that they are looking to replace this beacon with a remanufactured one which would be 11 feet higher, of better quality and should be installed in approximately 4 months. In the interim they are looking for something else to take its place.

Mr. Lichliter stated that the other goals are infrastructure, new taxiway parallel to 17-35 which will help market the parcels on the west side, and a public use heliport which could potentially bring in aviation and light manufacturing businesses to the area. He mentioned that in the master plan runway 17-35 would not be extended, and that refurbishing A26 would lessen business traffic over communities in the area.

A discussion then ensued regarding the commission's stand on not extending the runway, airport infrastructure, available grant money for installation and upkeep of the new beacon and the location of the beacon.

Mr. Stout asked why is the AWOS located where it is. Mr. Lichliter stated that he didn't know, he would like to move and upgrade it and will look into doing that. The board then discussed how it doesn't report weather and they are unable to get airport information on the FAA website.

Mr. Riger mentioned the condition of the wind sock. Mr. Lichliter agreed that it was in bad shape and that he is looking into getting grant funds to replace it.

Mr. Riger asked if there were entitlement funds. Mr. Lichliter provided an estimate of entitlement funds available for the first part of the year, and stated that in the latter part of 2009 there should be more funds available to do some of this work.

## **V. Project Update**

### **a. Current Projects**

Mr. Lichliter stated that Joe Mannarino, Economic Development Director, closed on one parcel with BETNR at the new lease rate. He added that there are three other parcels under negotiations. He mentioned that once these parcels were under contract, then they would look at the RFP for the southwest quad.

### **b. Future Projects**

Mr. Lichliter stated that future projects included a public use heliport. The board then discussed the funding, appearance, and location for the heliport and who would use the heliport.

The board discussed Sunrise Aviation hangars as regards the corporate hangars' groundbreaking, and sale and rent of the hangars. They also discussed a possible new fuel farm, the cost of ground leases and when the next re-appraisals would be done.

Mr. Riger asked if there was going to be an advisory committee, separate from the Aviation Advisory Board, working on the airport master plan. Mr. Lichliter stated that this board would have a voice but didn't know if there would be a separate board.

## **VI. Audience Comments**

There were no audience comments.

**VII. Reports, Suggestions & Requests**

Mr. Volenec asked that a map of the airport could be brought to future meetings so that when they had discussions they could visualize what they were discussing. He also asked about a master spreadsheet of all the projects at the airport to include funding, construction design, what dates they will be in service, what projects are multiple years out and whether they should be re-prioritized. Mr. Lichliter stated that this is something that he is already working on and will bring to a future meeting.

Mr. Riger suggested that the airport have an independent website separate from the City's website, that it would be good from a marketing perspective.

**Meeting Adjournment** – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Terri Hamsher, Recording Secretary

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Larry Volenec, Chairman