



**SCOTTSDALE AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING**

**Scottsdale Airport Aviation Business Center
Stearman/Thunderbird Meeting Room
Second floor 15000 N. Airport Drive
MEETING HELD ELECTRONICALLY
Scottsdale, Arizona
Wednesday, October 20, 2021**

MINUTES

PRESENT: John Berry, Chair
Charles McDermott, Vice Chair
Ken Casey (Zoom)
Larry Bernosky
Cory Little
Peter Mier
Rick Milburn

STAFF: Gary Mascaro, Aviation Director
Sarah Ferrara, Aviation Planning & Outreach Coordinator
Chris Read, Assistant Aviation Director-Operations
Tiffany Domingo, Staff Coordinator

GUESTS: Douglas Young, President, AZBAA

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Berry called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

A formal roll call confirmed the presence of Commissioners as noted above.

AVIATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Aviation Director Gary Mascaro stated that fall is here and the Airport is getting very busy with lots of operations occurring. Staff attended the National Business Aviation Association convention last week. Ms. Ferrara will provide a brief overview later in the meeting. A more detailed presentation will be provided next month. The airport is close to opening up the new box hangars, with one minor issue to be resolved before transfer.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

1. Regular Meeting: September 15, 2021

COMMISSIONER MIER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2021 AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER BERNOSKY SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED 7/0 WITH CHAIR BERRY, VICE CHAIR MCDERMOTT, COMMISSIONERS BERNOSKY, CASEY, LITTLE, MIER AND MILBURN VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE WITH NO DISSENTING VOTES.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS 1-9

1. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Application for Airport Aeronautical Business Permits for H5 Productions, Inc. dba H5 Helicopters to conduct helicopter specialized commercial flying services at the Scottsdale Airpark

Mr. Mascaro presented this item in light of Ms. Williams' absence. H5 has been operating out of the Airport for quite some time. They are requesting an Airpark Aeronautical business permit to conduct helicopter specialized commercial flying services. They operate in both the Airport and Airpark and are based in the Airpark. H5 does aerial and commercial filming as well as specialized and unique tours using an Airbus AS350 helicopter, which holds up to five passengers. They have begun to conduct special charter flights in partnerships with the Volanti Restaurant. They have met the requirements of the aeronautical business permit.

Company representative, Nelson Rood, Director of Operations, was not present to answer questions. Mr. Mascaro said it was the Commission's prerogative to ratify the permit or delay a vote until a representative is present.

Commissioner Little noted that H5 has been operating for some time. Mr. Mascaro concurred. Commissioner Little suggested the possibility that the application include space to report the number of aircraft. In response to a question from Commissioner Bernosky, Mr. Mascaro stated that H5 is authorized by City code to operate at this time, pending ratification.

COMMISSIONER BERNOSKY MADE A MOTION TO DEFER APPROVAL OF THE AERONAUTICAL BUSINESS PERMITS FOR H5 PRODUCTIONS, INC., DBA H5 HELICOPTERS, TO CONDUCT HELICOPTER SPECIALIZED COMMERCIAL FLYING SERVICES AT THE SCOTTSDALE AIRPORT UNTIL A COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE IS PRESENT TO ANSWER QUESTIONS. VICE CHAIR MCDERMOTT SECONDED THE

MOTION, WHICH CARRIED 5/2 WITH CHAIR BERRY, VICE CHAIR MCDERMOTT, COMMISSIONERS BERNOSKY, LITTLE, MIER AND VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE WITH AND COMMISSIONERS CASEY AND MILBURN DISSENTING.

2. Annual Update from Arizona Business Aviation Association

Douglas Young, President, AZBAA, provided an update, noting that COVID impacted operations, however, they are now up and running. Arizona is a significant area of growth for business aviation. The primary focus of the organization is member engagement. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month. The golf benefit is one of the organization's cornerstones, with the 2021 annual golf benefit recently held. One of its main goals is raise money for scholarships. This year's event raised \$50,000 toward this goal. A brief overview of the scholarship award process was provided, with individual award amounts typically at \$2,500. The plan is to award six to seven scholarships this year. The organization also holds an annual safety day, which provides the opportunity to earn CAM credits as well as aviation maintenance technician credits. Safety Day will be held at Scottsdale Airport on November 11th with 120 anticipated attendees.

Commissioner Bernosky asked if flight training is part of the scholarship curriculum. Mr. Young confirmed that many of the scholarship applications come from students. Checks for the scholarships are issued directly to the educational institution.

In response to a question regarding membership in the region, Mr. Young stated that they have approximately 150 to 200 AZBAA members. Meetings will generally generate participation by approximately 50 to 75 individuals.

3. Discussion and Input Regarding Airport and Airpark Aeronautical Business Permit Additions, Revocations and Cancellations

Ms. Mascaro deferred a report for this item, as approval for H5 Productions was deferred and its potential approval would have been the only change to the list.

4. Discussion and Input Regarding the Monthly Operations Report

Chris Read, Assistant Aviation Director-Operations, stated that total based aircraft was 468 for the month, compared to 477 last month. Total operations for September of 2020 were 16,000 compared with 14,339 for September of 2021. Year to date numbers are down 17.9 percent, largely to the runway closure. IFR numbers are looking good. Last year's total at this time was 4,046 compared with 4,582 this year. IFR numbers year to date are 19.7 percent up from last year. There were three alerts and four incidents for the month. There were a few enforcement actions. This included a security violation, where a gate was propped. The first violation was verbal, but would have been more severe if the pilot had been caught. He was a transient pilot who left abruptly and a longer conversation was not possible. U.S. Customs revenue for the month was \$55,875 with 97 operations and 24 U.S. visits. Revenues are closely matched to last year with \$88,250 for 21/22 and \$87,400 for 20/21. Uses are up significantly for the month at 97, compared with 48 last year. Total uses fiscal year to date are 159 compared with 169 last year. This difference is also due to the runway closure. PPRs for aircraft over 75,000 pounds totaled 47 for the calendar year.

Commissioner Little asked if the fuel spills are self-reported. Mr. Read stated that per the Airport rules and regulations, the fuel dispenser FBOs must notify the Airport upon any spill. If the spill is over a certain size, the FBO is also required to call 911 and alert the fire department. Commissioner Little asked about the frequency of reported spills at Ross Aviation. Mr. Read stated that Ross has not established the anti-fuel spill culture as well as other FBOs.

5. Discussion and Input Regarding Financial Report for August

Mr. Mascaro stated that revenues totaled \$764,000 with actuals coming in at approximately \$1 million. For expenses, the budget was \$554,000 and actuals were lower, at \$372,000. The August monthly comparison is a bit distorted, due to reverse accruals for revenues received this fiscal year, but actually falling into the prior fiscal year. Adjustments are seen over the ensuing months. The Aviation Fund Cash Balance is at negative \$1.5 million as of August 30th. The negative figure is due to a couple of ongoing capital projects, including box hangars and runway reconstruction. In August, the Airport was in the midst of an \$11 million runway project, paying out large invoices. The Airport has requested reimbursement from the FAA. Grant funds are typically received within a week of the request. Accounts receivable is doing well. Runway closure impacted fuel flowage. Year to date, the numbers are down approximately 22.7 percent. It is expected that the figures will recover and exceed last year's numbers.

6. Discussion and Input Regarding Quarterly Noise Complaint Summary Report

Sarah Ferrara, Aviation Planning & Outreach Coordinator, provided a report for the third quarter, which runs from July to September, 2021. For the period, there were five callbacks and two emails. There were 25 repeat complainants and 10 new complainants. Notably, a single complainant has submitted thousands of complaints. A total of 166 complaints have been received from other residents, compared with 250 for 2020.

In response to a question from Chair Berry, Ms. Ferrara stated that submissions of complaints by the prolific complainant are received via the online portal. There was brief discussion regarding the potential the complaints could be submitted by a bot. Ms. Ferrara said she has raised this concern with IT. Interestingly, however, there are some unique characteristics to each complaint. IT does not believe at this point that the complaints are bot-generated.

7. Discussion and Input Regarding Public Outreach Programs and Planning Projects

Ms. Ferrara stated that two voluntary curfew letters were issued in September. In terms of property developments within the Airport Influence Area, one project was listed for September. Social media and listserv outreach continues. A recent outreach included information regarding Cirrus Aviation annual owner's convention. Staff attended NBAA and a more in-depth review will be provided at the next meeting.

8. Administrative report from the Aviation Director or Designee Regarding the Status of Aviation-Related Items

Mr. Mascaro reported that all of the items were approved by City Council, including the lease amendment for Volanti Restaurant and the Airport security improvements fencing contract award.

Mr. Mascaro stated that there are no significant updates to the list of Aviation-related items to the Planning Commission, Development Review Board or City Council.

In response to a question from Chair Berry, Mr. Mascaro stated that Set Jet has submitted an application out of Gate 1 as a new build.

9. Discussion and Possible Action to Modify the Airport Advisory Commission Meeting Schedule and Commission Item Calendar

There were no changes made.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no items added.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

AYES: Chair Berry, Vice Chair McDermott, Commissioners Bernosky, Casey, Little, Mier and Milburn

NAYS: None

SUBMITTED BY:

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