

ZEPHYRHILLS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Date November 15th, 2021

A Regular Airport Advisory Board meeting was held on November 15th, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in the City of Zephyrhills Council Chambers. Buzz Hohmann called the meeting to order. Members present were Buzz Hohmann, Kenneth, Matthew Laseter, Bill Castle and Erik Meredith. Ron Miller and Dan Evans were absent. City staff included Airport Manager Nathan Coleman and Executive Administrative Assistant, Lucy Huber.

1. APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES

- 1.1 Kenneth Leslie moved to accept the minutes from the meeting held August 16th, 2021. Matthew Laseter seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.*

2. BUSINESS ITEMS

- 2.1 Skydive City Requests approval from Airport board to enter into a sublet agreement for certain premises with the GSA (General Services Administration) for use by SOCOM (Special Operations Command). Alternatively, Skydive City seeks a recommendation from the Airport Board to Zephyrhills City Council or the City Attorney that the Council and Attorney grant written approval for such.

Cam King, manager of operations for Skydive City, explained that SOCOM is a Skydive Para Commando demonstration team that has been operating out of Skydive City for approximately 20 years. The GSA sub lease is expiring and there are ongoing negotiations on the renewal terms. Skydive would like to renew the lease for 5 years or less and then do month to month. The Airport and City agree that a 5 year renewal would be preferred at this time.

Bill Castle moved to approve to renew the sublease. Kenneth Leslie seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

3. AIRPORT MANAGERS REPORT

- 3.1 Mr. Coleman updated the Board on the current airport projects.
- a. **Runway 1-19 Extension** - Slated to be completed mid to end of January 2022
 - b. **Fuel Farm Replacement** – Having some trouble getting certain supplies for the project due to shortages. Now slated to be up and in operation mid-January of 2022.
 - c. **Taxiway Alpha Replacement** – Construction scheduled to start mid-March. Mr. Coleman is looking into ways to minimize the impact to the tenants in being able to access the hangars/runways. He is planning to have a pilot tenant meeting to discuss options. He is considering a non-standard taxi lane behind the hangars as one option.
 - d. **Paved Ramp Project** – In the design phase. Planning to pave the entire area from behind the FBO to between Taxiway Bravo and Taxiway Charlie.

- e. **Future Projects** - In negotiations for appropriations for potential future projects such as a new terminal, box hangars and a Taxiway F connector.

4. AIRPORT BOARD MEMBER'S COMMENTS

4.1 Bill Castle re-introduced the idea of changing the name of the Zephyrhills Municipal Airport to Zephyrhills Regional Airport. After some discussion it was decided that there should be some information gathered as to the process of doing so. Matt Laseter, who has a background with the FAA, said he would look into it. Nathan Coleman said he would also seek out guidance from the engineering consultants.

4.2 Chair Person, Buzz Hohmann introduced new Board member, Erik Meredith. Erik shared a bit about himself and his aviation background. He has been involved with the Zephyrhills Airport in a variety of capacities for nearly 20 years. He said that being on the Airport board will enable him to keep involved with advising and planning and making sure the airport grows in ways that is advantageous to both pilots and businesses.

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5.1 Fuel sales.

MEETING ADJOURNED - Bill Castle moved to adjourn the meeting. Erik Meredith seconded. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 5:48.p.m.