

Minutes of the Palo Alto Airport Association Board meeting, 10/5/2021.

Note: due to restrictions to in-person meeting in effect at this date the meeting was held by teleconference.

Bob Lenox called the meeting to order at 19:30.

Treasurer Gerald Barker reported no change in our account balance or membership.

Minutes of the September Board meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

Brian Fisher reported that there was a meeting of the Runway Safety Action Team (RSAT). The Palo Alto Fire Department's latest staging area needs to be relocated. Traffic is up 45% over the height of Covid.

Andrew Swanson presented the airport manager's report.

- Environmental issues have been resolved and ramp construction work has continued in the club area. This will allow for tie-in to the water system and the wash rack may be operational within a month.
- Water pooling on taxiway Z will be repaired. A temporary taxiway Y4 will be created to maintain traffic flow.
- Planning has started on repairs to the access road (Embarcadero road to the tower). A proposal for an AWOS is being prepared.
- Our rotating beacon is not up to standard and needs to be replaced.
- A set of vendors for an online billing system is being selected.
- The airport now has radios to communicate with the tower, police and fire.
- A report is being prepared on the airport improvements. It will be public once completed.

Brian Fisher raised the issue of mail and package deliveries since locations along the access road have mailing addresses on Embarcadero Road. Some theft has occurred due to packages being dropped off at the wrong location. It was proposed to name the access road; "Britton Road" and "Airport Road" were suggested. Concerns were raised about possibly needed road survey work.

There was a discussion on the introduction of unleaded avgas. There was consensus that availability of unleaded fuel is important. Currently only 94UL octane fuel is an option. In the long term 100UL fuel will be more desirable but it is unclear when that will be approved and available. It is estimated the 1/3 of the aircraft based in Palo Alto can use 94UL. The fuel farm has one empty tank that requires repairs (est. \$27,000) or replacement. It was suggested that in the short term we take a partial delivery of 94UL to be stored in a dedicated fuel truck.

Changes to the run-up area were discussed. It is desirable to accommodate more than 3 aircraft in the run-up area. Options include re-orienting and adding T's, using a dashed line to mark the run-up area, or use dots without orientation to mark run-up spots. Concerns were raised about possible collisions and prop blasts. Andrew Swanson will investigate what can be done consistent with FAA standards.

Bob Lenox noted that there was no progress on Airport Day planning.

The meeting adjourned 20:52.

Present: Alice Mansell, Andrew Swanson, Bob Lenox, Brian Fisher, Carol Munch, Eli Pasternak, Gerald Barker, Greg Renda, Harry Hirschman, Johanna Dolan, Lloyd Stephens, Rick Rairden, Steve Blonstein, Tom Meyers and Wolfgang Polak.

Respectfully submitted by Wolfgang Polak (Secretary).