

Minutes of the Palo Alto Airport Association Board meeting, 8/2/2022.

The meeting was held by teleconference.

Andrew Pollack called the meeting to order at 19:38.

Andrew Swanson introduced Erica Ledesma. Erica Ledesma reported on the new FAA funded aviation account management system. There will be a training event for users of the ProDIGIQ system. The time is still unclear but the event will be recorded. The system will allow the use of credit cards and there is currently no surcharge for that option. Separately, ParkMobile will be used for transient aircraft and car parking.

Andrew Pollack moved and Lloyd Stephens seconded to approve the minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

Wolfgang Polak reported that Gerald Barker had emailed the treasurer report; there was no change to the account balance or membership since last meeting.

Andrew Swanson presented the airport manager's report:

- Taxiway Z remains partially closed while repairs of a "rough patch" continue.
- There is still no progress on the water line tie-in for the wash rack. Additional information from the contractor is required.
- Construction of the vehicle gate for fire access is finished. An additional, spare vehicle gate has been installed near West Valley Flying Club. It can be used for pedestrian access during public events (e.g. Airport day).
- There will be an "Aircraft Expo" on March 24th and 25th, 2023. There was a suggestion to combine this with the Airport Day but general consensus was that this is not appropriate.
- The airport received a \$800k planning grant. The planning process is expected to start in the last quarter of 2022. The City council wants a planning discussion and study sessions involving businesses and stakeholders. These will be open to the public. Wolfgang Polak noted that notice of City council meetings involving the airport should be communicated to the tenants living outside Palo Alto.
- There are 3 new tower controllers.
- An SR-22 was displayed at the Aerospace and Aviation day in Sacramento.

Lloyd Stephens asked about the impact on airport operations of construction in East Palo Alto.

Andrew Pollack noted that the association has only limited leverage but is monitoring the situation.

Harry Hirschman commented that the new run-up area is working well. He suggested a marking of the currently empty spot so aircraft can be directed there. Harry Hirschman questioned the limited use of "line-up and wait" instructions by the tower.

Andrew Pollack reported that Sara Sobczak, a key member of the Airport Day steering committee, is no longer available. He questioned our ability to organize an Airport Day without additional volunteers.

Two contractors are working to ready the tank for unleaded fuel.

Carol Munch noted the the Palo Alto Disaster Airlift Response Team (DART) is not very active and needs more volunteers.

West Valley Flying Club will celebrate their 50th anniversary in the last week of September.

The meeting adjourned 20:23.

Present:

Alexander Mouschovias, Alice Mansell, Andrew Pollack, Andrew Swanson, Carol Munch, Chris Toeppen, Erica Ledesma, Greg Renda, Harry Hirschman, Jim Gotterba, Johanna Dolan, Lloyd Stephens, Rick Rairden, Sumeet Dogra, Tom Meyers, Wolfgang Polak, Yaron Ekshtein.

Respectfully submitted by Wolfgang Polak (Secretary).