

Minutes of the Palo Alto Airport Association General meeting, 6/6/2023.

The meeting was held by teleconference.

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

The minutes of the previous board meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

Gerald Barker reported that there are 31 members. The account balance is \$6114.51

Andrew Swanson presented the Airport manager report.

- Upgrade of the fuel farm for unleaded fuel is waiting for back-ordered parts. Once complete there will be a week long test. Completion is expected in July.
- There was a good turnout at the public planning meeting.
- The public works open house will be on July 15th from 9am to 2:30pm. An R44 is expected at the event and this may be opportunity to advertise the airport day.
- An AWOS-3PT and work necessary for the night approach are budgeted for next year, assuming a 90% grant.
- The hangar inspection is not yet complete. The fire department will prepare a final report for the city that will be distributed to hangar tenants.
- There is no update to the status of the vehicle gate near Advantage. The airport retains \$900,000 till completion.
- There is no progress on the repair of taxiway Z.
- There are no current plans to repair the dip in the runway. This will be addressed in the long range facility plan.
- A web-cam for the airport may be difficult due to a city ordinance that prohibits cameras in public spaces.
- The airport has acquired two new vehicles.
- Andrew Swanson mentioned flyeagle.org that aims for the elimination of leaded fuel by 2030.
- There was a discussion on planes performing their run-up on taxiways.
- John Carlsen asked about facilities for CAP. Andrew Swanson stated these will be part of a joint use building an RFP for which will be issued in July.
- Chris Toeppen inquired about the tie-down rates and the comparison with other airports in the area. "Location" was given as the reason that Palo Alto is more expensive.

In the absence of Ben Hochman, Wolfgang Polak reported on the status of the planning for airport day.

- Helicopter displays confirmed from Santa Clara County Sheriff and Stanford Life Flight
- Coast Guard flyover confirmed
- Palo Alto Fire and Police will be present.
- Airport businesses have been informed.

- Tower Tours confirmed.
- Beech Boys 24-ship flyover confirmed.
- Food trucks, Flyer, Marketing announcements in progress.
- Need addition help identifying suitable sound system and/or possible radio station
- Need suggestions for online newsletters we should advertise in.

It was mentioned that we may be able get a Huey to display but this requires funding for fuel.

A T-6, Yak, and Edge may be available for display. The Piaggio might be an interesting plane to show.

Bob Lenox suggested to contact College radio stations.

We should determine the availability of police cadets for the event.

Alice Mansell provided a contact for the Audubon Society and suggested that they as well as Palo Alto Park Rangers and Environmental Volunteers at the old yacht harbor be invited to Airport Day.

Tom Myers reported on complexities in signing a contract for unleaded fuel. The fuel will be more expensive, the flow rate will be unknown, and the distributors will give no quality assurances.

Due to the 4th of July, the next meeting will be on Wednesday July 5th.

The meeting adjourned at 20:37.

Present:

Alice Mansell, Andrew Pollack, Andrew Swanson, Bob Lenox, Chris Toeppen, Gerald Barker, Greg Renda, John Carlsen, Johanna Dolan, Jim Gotterba, Mike Luetgens, Rick Rairden, Tom Myers, Wolfgang Polak, and Zack Lenox

Respectfully submitted by Wolfgang Polak (Secretary).