

Minutes of the Palo Alto Airport Association Board meeting, 5/7/2024.

The meeting was held in-person at the airport and by simultaneous teleconference.

Bob Lenox called the meeting to order at 19:01.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved unanimously.

Gerald Barker reported an account balance of \$9021.41 and 28 paid members, 8 of which are new members. The association received a \$1000 donation from DeLeon Realty and \$300 from airport day vendors.

Mike Luetgens presented the airport manager's report.

- There was a miscommunication in advertising the tower/noise-abatement meeting. The meeting has now been rescheduled for May 28th, 1 to 3pm, at the golf course restaurant.
- There were several negative comments by the general public in response to the planning meeting. There are no recommendations yet. A final draft will be presented to the Council in September or October.
- Bids for the AWOS and REIL are expected this week, followed by an FAA grant decision in June or July and a final Council vote in August or September. After the project is complete the night approach needs to be test flown before it becomes available.

In response to the negative feedback on the long term plan, Ben Hochman proposed to develop some document describing the benefits of the airport to the community. There was a short discussion on the benefits to list; the discussion will continue outside the meeting.

Bob Lenox noted that Ralph Britton is still a check signer. Wolfgang Polak moved and Chris Toeppen seconded a motion to make Bob Lenox a signatory on our bank account. The motion was approved unanimously. Wolfgang Polak will prepare a letter for the bank documenting the Board vote.

Bob Lenox expressed some concern about officers and board members being closely affiliated with airport businesses.

John Carlsen noted that we should have a backup for the manager of our web site.

Ben Hochman reported on the planning for Airport Day.

- Pledges for over \$2000 have been received.
- Some food vendors, Police, Fire and Life Flight are confirmed.
- A demonstration by the Coast Guard is likely.

- There was some discussion on possible parking options, including shuttle busses and off-site parking. No decision was made.
- A separate airport day planning meeting will be scheduled.

Bob Lenox suggested we continue to provide food and beverages at the board meeting. There was general consensus that 7pm is a good time for future meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 19:41.

Present:

Ben Hochman, Bob Lenox, Carol Munch, Chris Toeppen, Eli Pasternak, Gerald Barker, Jim Gotterba, John Carlsen, Lloyd Stephens, Michael Mashack, Mike Luetgens, Rick Rairden, Tom Myers, Wolfgang Polak, Yaron Ekshtein.

Respectfully submitted by Wolfgang Polak (Secretary).