

Minutes of the Palo Alto Airport Association Board meeting, 6/4/2024.

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

Bob Lenox called the meeting to order at 19:03.

Gerald Barker reported an account balance of \$9090 and 29 paid members. There is a problem cashing a donation check from Fidelity made out to "California Pilots Association". This has been a recurring problem since our official name in IRS records is "California Pilots Association dba Palo Alto Airport Association". Cal Pilot has not responded to inquiries about a possible solution.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved unanimously.

Ben Hochman will send email about the detailed status of the Airport Day planning, volunteer recruitment and fundraising.

Mike Luetgens presented the airport management report:

- A meeting was held with ATC and other stakeholders about air traffic issues on the airport. Similar meetings are planned twice a year.
- The next noise abatement meeting will be held in July.
- The airport has acquired ADS-B software to track noise violations and is waiting for City IT approval to install it. San Carlos uses similar software.
- Next long range planning meeting will be on 6/20 at 6-8pm. A public survey will be conducted.
- Bids for the AWOS are in. The grant application will be filed this week. A meeting with the FAA is scheduled for 6/24. Construction may begin in October or November. As part of the construction the PAPI will be relocated to the right and the REIL will be replaced. After completion and after an FAA flight check, the night approach will be available.
- Wolfgang Polak inquired about the airport parking regulations that require pilots to move their car after moving their aircraft. Mike Luetgens stated that this is necessary due to complaints by tenants about cars parked too close to their aircraft.

There was a discussion on ways to address public resistance to the airport, concerns about noise and future VTOL aircraft. There was consensus that some airport opponents are feeling ignored and that engaging with the public could mitigate some of the opposition. Various suggestions were made, including PAAA meetings with public, an exhibit at the Airport Day and recreating the JCRC (Joint Community Relations Committee).

There was a brief discussion of a slide prepared by Ben Hochman describing the airport benefit to the public. Not everyone had seen the latest version and it will be circulated more widely for comment.

In order to increase the membership, Bob Lenox suggested a free non-voting membership. There was some discussion about calling it "friend of the association" or just introducing a mailing list. An informal vote showed a majority for introducing a free non-voting membership. To induce "free" members to become regular dues-paying members, the associations needs to provide tangible benefits.

The meeting adjourned at 20:14.

Present:

Alice Mansell, Andrew Pollack, Ben Hochman, Bob Lenox, Chris Toeppen, Gerald Barker, John Carlsen, Johanna Dolan, Louise Mateos, Mike Luetgens, Michael Mashack, Rick Rairden, Wolfgang Polak, Yaron Ekshtein, Zack Lenox.

Respectfully submitted by Wolfgang Polak (Secretary).