

**Minutes of the
Palo Alto Airport Association
(the “Airport Association”)
Board meeting, 9/3/2024.**

The meeting was held in-person at the airport and by simultaneous teleconference. All those present could hear and be heard.

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

Gerald Barker reported an account balance of \$9,927.76 and 39 paid members.

Bob Lenox moved and Andrew Pollack seconded to approve the minutes of the August board meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Zack Lenox introduced Spencer Marks.

Discussion of the airport day:

- Ben Hochman reported on the state of planning for the airport day. We still need more volunteers. We need more display aircraft.
- Bob Lenox and Gerald Barker reported that the insurance quote was \$3000, a substantial increase from last year’s cost of \$400. The reason for increase is unclear and Gerald Barker will investigate. Michael Mashack noted that the “Nonprofits Insurance Alliance” might be an option.
- Andrew Swanson stated that airport operations has found a way to park more cars on the field, eliminating some of the parking problems.
- Bike racks can be rented for \$30 per day. Andrew Swanson offered that the airport buy some bike racks instead.
- Wolfgang Polak reported on participation of “Wings of History” museum and the planning for the formation fly-by.

Andrew Swanson reported that the Long-Range Facility and Sustainability Plan (LRFSP) will be discussed at the Palo Alto City Council on September 16th. The agenda item is scheduled to last 2 hours and individual comment periods may as short as 1 or 2 minutes.

The survey conducted on the planning process generated 1500 responses of which approximately 50% were supportive of making improvements to the airport. The staff report on the planning process is expected to be made public on Thursday, 9/5/24.

There was a general discussion of the Airport Association's position on the LRFSP and how to present such a position at the Palo Alto City Council meeting on September 16th. Those present agreed that some of the key points to clarify are that:

- (i) a goal of the LRFSP is to standardize Palo Alto Airport in accordance with current FAA standards rather than expand the airport or increase airport operations;
- (ii) a goal of the LRFSP is to modernize the basic infrastructure that already exists at the Palo Alto Airport (e.g., the current terminal consists of 1965 trailers); and
- (iii) a goal of the LRFSP is to support more efficient operations of the airport which could help reduce the amount of time that airplanes spend flying in the pattern.

The Airport Association will consider whether to select a preferred alternative among those proposed by the consultants. It was suggested that the Airport Association submit a written report but no decision was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 20:32.

Present:

Alice Mansell, Andrew Pollack, Andrew Swanson, Ben Hochman, Bert Postma, Bob Lenox, Carol Munch, Chris Toeppen, Eli Pasternak, Gerald Barker, Johanna Dolan, Lloyd Stephens, Michael Mashack, Rick Rairden, Spencer Marks, Wolfgang Polak, Yaron Ekshtein, Zack Lenox.

Respectfully submitted by Wolfgang Polak (Secretary).