

**MINUTES**  
**RIVERSIDE AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING**  
**Airport Terminal Building Conference Room**  
**Wednesday, January 11, 2012, 2:30 p.m.**

Members Present - Commissioners Brown, Combe, Cook, Hantman,  
Heublein, Horvath and Quiroz

Members Excused - Commissioners Stewart and Yeager

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Hantman called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

**ITEM NO. 1: PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no Public Comment to report.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ITEM NO. 2: MINUTES OF DECEMBER 14, 2011**

Commissioner Heublein **MADE A MOTION** to accept the Minutes of December 14, 2011. The motion was **SECONDED** by Commissioner Quiroz. **ALL AYES**, Commissioners Brown, Combe, Cook, Hantman, Heublein, Horvath and Quiroz.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

There were no Discussion and Action Items to report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ITEM NO. 3: APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Chairperson Hantman appointed Commissioners Cook, Horvath and Combe to the Nominating Committee for 2012 Officers and announced that a report will be given at the next Airport Commission meeting, on February 8, 2012.

Commissioner Heublein suggested that Airport Staff contact Airport Commissioners individually in regards to volunteering for the Chair and Vice Chair positions.

## **CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS**

There were no City Council Actions to report.

## **CONSTRUCTION AND PROJECT UPDATE**

### **ITEM NO. 4: AIRPORT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (ACIP)**

Airport Director Ripley updated the Airport Commission on the ACIP. Documentation of the 2013-2017 Airport Capital Improvement Plan was distributed. The documents included maps outlining the locations of projects anticipated within the next five years. Also included were AWP ACIP Data Sheets listing project descriptions such as, the relocation of the Southern California Gas Line, the Apron Reconstruction and Tank Removal project and the North Parallel Taxiway.

Airport staff prepares an updated five-year Airport Capital Improvement Project plan and is annually submitted to the FAA. The 2012 ACIP addresses the runway safety area improvements and the north side development. The ACIP plan has not changed much, mostly because the Airport has not received a construction grant for the last three years. However, Director Ripley is confident that the current year projects will be funded, as a federal grant is anticipated to be received in August of 2012.

In addition, Airport Staff is optimistic that the Environmental Assessment (EA) currently underway for the north side runway will soon be completed and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will be issued this spring. This will allow the Airport to compete for grant funds during the current fiscal year (2012/2013).

Chairperson Hantman asked if the elimination of the Redevelopment agency will affect the ACIP. Director Ripley responded that Redevelopment funding has no impact on the ACIP. Commissioner Cook asked if the state budget problems will impact Airport improvement projects. Director Ripley stated the Airport has not received State grants for some time, and is difficult to determine. However, in the past, when there were State budget problems, there were instances where the grant process was delayed, but eventually, the funding was received.

## **MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Director Ripley announced the relocation of Heli-Flite to the former Diffenbaugh building on Airport Drive. While there is an existing hangar, because of the property layout, there is no

apron space. The aircraft must be stored inside, and not on the apron or ramp.

## **ONGOING ISSUES**

### **ITEM NO. 5: THE CENTER FOR ENVIROMENTAL HEALTH 100LL LAWSUIT**

Airport Director Ripley distributed information on a current lawsuit in California regarding the sale of aviation fuel (avgas). The lawsuit was filed by The Center for Environmental Health (CHE) against a group of Fixed Base Operators (FBOs) and aviation fuel providers concerning the sale of avgas in the State of California. The lawsuit was filed under the provisions of Proposition 65 which requires businesses to warn individuals of exposure to hazardous chemicals. The lawsuit claims that people living around airports are not warned of exposures to lead emitted from aircraft flying into and out of California airports.

If the CHE is successful with their lawsuit, it would be devastating to general aviation airports in California as all general aviation piston aircraft operating in the United States use avgas. Presently, there is no alternative fuel offered. Without the availability of avgas, general aviation would, in essence be shut down. Based aircraft would be grounded and aircraft wanting to fly to California would either have to carry enough fuel for the round trip or select not to come.

In addition, large revenue stream for FBOs and general aviation airports would be terminated. Facilities at many locations would not be able to remain open.

Airport Director Ripley assured he would provide periodic updates regarding the 100LL lawsuit, as needed.

### **ITEM NO. 4: COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE (CAF)**

Pete Downs, the newly appointed Wing Leader of the Inland Empire Wing of the Commemorative Air Force (CAF) introduced himself to the Airport Commission. The CAF has been located at the Riverside Airport since 1995. The mission of the CAF is to preserve, in flyable condition, the aircraft that flew, fought and helped win World War II. Mr. Downs discussed the CAF's local operation and the future of the organization. The CAF has 4 historic aircraft located at Riverside Airport: a Douglas C-53 Skytrooper, a T-6 Texan, a Piper L-4 Grasshopper and Ryan PT-22, all warbirds of World War II. Rides on these vintage planes are available to the public for a fee. The Inland Empire Wing

of the CAF organization is a non-profit consisting of 90-95 volunteers. Meetings are open to the public and the membership fee to join is \$200, plus an annual fee of \$50.00. The CAF hangar and museum is open to visitors throughout the day and during public events, such as movie nights and the Wheels to Warbirds static display and car show.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**ITEM NO. 7: SECURITY COMMITTEE REPORT**

**ITEM NO. 8: NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

**ITEM NO. 9: ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:25 p.m.

The next meeting will be February 8, 2012 at 2:30 p.m.

As recorded.