

Redlands Airport Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2023
City Council Chamber
City of Redlands

Board Members Present

Debbie Forthun - Chair
Bob Pearce

Jason Golembeski- Vice Chair
Thomas Cook

1. 1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM
- b. Pledge of Allegiance

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. Former aircraft space renter commented about his poor treatment and handling in reference to a dispute about his rental space. Some AAB members requested to read the communications between the two parties.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Minutes from the 2/16/2022 AAB meeting were adopted.
 - i. Motion Golemebeski
 - ii. 2nd Pearce
 - iii. All present members approved

4. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Brown act training-Presented by the city attorney
 - i. After 11/19 slides the board decided to continue the training at a later date in order to not infringe on the public nature of the AAB meeting. The training is planned to continue at the next AAB meeting.
 - ii. Board members asked to be sent the brown act presentation power point to review before the next scheduled AAB meeting.
 - iii. Motion to move the brown act training to 3/16/2023- Pearce
 1. 2nd Golembeski
 2. Vote: All present approved
- b. Staff Report - Aj Lawson:
 - i. Operations & Admin- Coyote mitigation has started over the last two weeks.
 1. Good results so far
 2. There have been far fewer incidents with coyotes
 3. New gate card policy and implementation
 - a. This roll out will start with Flight clubs, Businesses, and flight schools and those that are in need of renewals
 4. Proposed twice weekly food truck at the airport to generate business and get the community involved.
 - a. Chair Forthun mentioned that this could require county permitting depending on the frequency.
 - b. Pearce- Questions the viability of this project. He continues that the population just would not support this. He referenced March AFB and a failed food truck program there.
 - ii. Maintenance- There is a growing weed control problem in the runway safety area.
 1. Bids are out to have the weeds controlled.
 - a. Cost saving was a goal with this bid cycle.
 - iii. Grants- Finish up the grant work for this year.
 1. Wildlife assessment person would like to come and talk to the AAB

- community
- 2. Runway Slurry grant- should be finished soon, a notice will be sent to tenants so it can be planned for.
- iv. Budget- Don
 1. The budget was included in the AAB member packet for this evening.
 - a. So far the budget is on track.
 - b. Expenditures are at 81% but some are expected with the weed mitigation.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Safety Subcommittee Update-
 - i. Don Addressed that this is not an ad hoc committee and cannot continue to exist based on the brown act.
- b. Discussion on the proposed KSBD approach-
 - i. Proposed letter drafted by member Pearce.
 - ii. This letter will be referenced in the coming talks with the FAA
 - iii. This letter will not be sent to the FAA as a representation of the opinion of the city or the AAB.
 - iv. AJ- mentioned he is working on his statement for the upcoming meeting to present to the SBD/FAA committee. This will note the SMS system and safety.
 - v. Member Pearce brought up concerns about large aircraft downwash and environmental impact on elementary schools in the flight path.
 - vi. Motion Cook- To move this letter to the city council for consideration.
 1. 2nd Golembeski
 2. Vote: Approve by all present.
- c. ALP discussion.
 - i. Motion Golembeski, to continue item C for more review time
 1. 2nd Cook
 2. Vote: Approve by all present.
- d. Discussion on Recommendation to Council about City ordinance regarding paraglider activity.
 - i. Don Crow- Note from staff this is to Recommend to council that the city create an ordinance- the AAB does not draft or vote on city ordinances.
 - ii. Public Comments
 1. Stan Barenquetz-President of the SoCal Soaring club, Aviation lawyer IFR/ multi engine pilot and Helicopter Instructor,
 - a. Notes the board could be in violation of the Brown act since the agenda language regarding this item is too generic. Asked that this item be carried to a further meeting. Cationed the board to not overreach and be mindful when we are trying to regulate flight. This would be the sovereignty of US airspace.
 - b. Mentioned part 91 Does not cover ultralights
 - c. Urged that the subcommittee meet with the group and come up with a proposal that does not outright ban ultralight flight in the city.
 2. Jonathan Deitch- hanglider pilot, 20+ years of exp[eriance.
 - a. Would like the board to be on the side of safety, whether that means ordinance or education.
 - b. There are some "Banditos" or rogue pilots who don't belong to a club or organization and teach themselves to fly.
 - c. There is an "attractive Nuisance" problem with H24 brewery and this community of paraglider/ hang gliders. Pilots fly across the Airport at 100 ft agl.
 - d. Referenced a meeting with pilots before the pandemic. And now

communication has been lost. He proposes an open line of communication with the board and the glider community.

3. Jai Pal Khalsa- Vp of the crestline soaring society
 - a. Questions the legality of such an ordinance and would like more discussion on this item to more closely align with the soaring community.
- iii. Motion To continue ITEM D and form a subcommittee regarding this item.
 1. Motion Golembeski
 2. 2nd Cook
 3. Vote- Approved by all present

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. No New Items.

7. **AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.**

- a. No new items

8. **Board member comments**

- a. Cook- Voiced his support for the airport supervisor, thanked him for making the airport a better place and working to fill hangars with planes.

9. **ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING**

- a. Adjournment - 7:35 PM
- b. Next Meeting -3/16/2022 6:00 PM