

May 4, 2021

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file the Long Beach Airport Advisory Commission Report for the period of January 2019 through December 2020. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

In accordance with Long Beach Municipal Code Section 2.18.090, the report for the Long Beach Airport Advisory Commission for the period of January 2019 through December 2020 is attached for City Council review. The report details the Commission's activities for 2019 and 2020 and includes recommendations for involvement during 2021.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Richard F. Anthony on March 25, 2021 and by Revenue Management Officer Geraldine Alejo on April 7, 2021.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this matter is not time critical.


FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal or local job impact associated with this recommendation. This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,


CYNTHIA GUIDRY
DIRECTOR, LONG BEACH AIRPORT

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ATTACHMENT

APPROVED:


THOMAS B. MODICA
CITY MANAGER



AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION
2019-2020 ANNUAL REPORT

City of Long Beach

LETTER FROM CHAIRPERSON

Dear Mayor and City Council,

Please accept the enclosed summary of the Airport Advisory Commission's activities during the 2019-2020 time period. Cynthia Guidry became the new airport director in July 2019 and we were pleased to have our first Commission meeting together in September 2019.

I was honored to be nominated by my colleagues as the Commission Chairperson in May 2020. At that time, I outlined a focus on three key priorities for the Commission:

- Simplifying financial presentation provided by Airport staff to the Commission;
- Hosting presentations that will improve understanding of the Airport's complex land use portfolio; and
- Creating additional opportunities for commissioners to increase their overall awareness of Airport-related issues and challenges.

I am happy to report that we have already made great progress on these goals, including hosting a special learning session for commissioners in August 2020, and numerous educational presentations by Airport staff in our Commission meetings.

I would also like to thank former Chair, Jeffrey Anderson, who served in that role from June 2019 to June 2020, and continues to be a reliable and knowledgeable member of the Commission.

Sincerely,

Alvaro Castillo

Chair, Long Beach Airport Advisory Commission

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report is to provide the Long Beach Mayor and City Council with a summary of the Airport Advisory Commission (AAC) activities during the reporting period January 2019 - December 2020.

Additionally, its purpose is to provide recommendations regarding the Commission's future operation, pursuant to Section 2.18.090(9) of the Long Beach Municipal Code.

COMMISSION ROLE

Pursuant to City Code, the role of the Airport Advisory Commission is to:

- Consult with and advise the City Council in formulating City policies regarding the development and operation of Long Beach Airport;
- Study and analyze, for the purpose of evaluation and recommendation of policy, issues which have been referred to it by the City Council. This may include, among other topics, rates/fees, lease and land use policies, standards of service, facility requirements, and environmental standards.

OFFICERS | DATES OF SERVICE



Jeffrey Anderson
January 2016 - Present
Vice Chair, June 2017 - June 2019
Chair, June 2019 - June 2020



Alvaro Castillo
July 2017 - Present
Chair, June 2020 - Present



Wayne Chaney Sr.
January 2016 - Present
Chair, June 2017 - June 2019
Vice Chair, June 2019 - Present



Robert L. Duarte Jr.
September 2020 - Present



Katie Larson
June 2019 - Present



Rita Nayak
December 2017 - Present



Miles Nevin
June 2019 - Present



Phil Ramsdale
June 2017 - May 2019



Geetanjali Reuben
July 2018 - Present



Jeff Rowe
January 2016 - July 2020



Roland Scott
July 2009 - June 2019



Mary Sophiea
July 2018 - July 2020

MEETINGS, ATTENDANCE AND RELATED COSTS

During the reporting period, the Commission held 17 regular meetings and one special meeting. There are no regular meetings scheduled in April, August or December. The March 2020 meeting was cancelled due to COVID-19.

All meetings were duly noted and open to the public.

Approved minutes of meetings have been forwarded to the Mayor and City Council for their information and files.

All Commissioners continue to meet the Commissioner's Standing Rule Requirement of no more than two unexcused absences during a term.

Out of pocket costs incurred by the Airport Enterprise Fund for Commission support are typically limited to those expended for refreshments at scheduled public meetings, an amount estimated to be \$5,978 for 2019 and \$2,006 for 2020.

2019 Meeting Attendance

Commissioner	1/17	2/21	3/21	5/16	6/20	7/18	9/19	10/17	11/21	Meetings Attended	%
Jeffrey Anderson	X	X	X	X	E	E	X	X	X	7	78%
Alvaro Castillo	X	E	X	X	E	X	E	X	X	6	67%
Wayne Chaney Sr.	X	X	X	X	X	X	E	E	E	6	67%
Miles Nevin						X	E	E	X	2	50%
Rita Nayak	X	X	E	X	E	X	X	X	X	7	78%
Phil Ramsdale	X	E	X	X						3	75%
Geetanjali Reuben	X	X	E	E	X	E	X	X	X	6	67%
Jeff Rowe	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	9	100%
Roland Scott	X	X	X	E	X					4	80%
Katie Larson						X	X	E	X	3	75%
Mary Sophiea	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	9	100%

2020 Meeting Attendance

Commissioner	1/16	2/20	5/21	6/18	7/16	8/20	9/17	10/15	11/19	Meetings Attended	%
Jeffrey Anderson	X	X	X	X	X	E	X	X	X	8	89%
Alvaro Castillo	E	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	8	89%
Wayne Chaney Sr.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	9	100%
Miles Nevin	X	X	X	X	X	E	X	X	X	8	89%
Rita Nayak	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	9	100%
Robert L. Duarte Jr.								X	X	2	100%
Geetanjali Reuben	X	X	X	X	X	E	X	X	X	8	89%
Jeff Rowe	X	X	X	X	X	X				6	100%
Katie Larson	E	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	8	89%
Mary Sophiea	X	X	X	X	X					5	100%

X = Attended Meeting E = Excused Absence

CONSIDERATIONS, EFFORTS AND ACTIONS

February 21, 2019

Communication by the Sustainability Committee from the Airport Advisory Commission and the Sustainable City Commission to the Mayor and Members of the City Council regarding Airport sustainability.

May 16, 2019

Received presentation by Anitra Dempsey, Executive Director, Citizen Police Complaint Commission, on team building. Received report on tour of Los Angeles International Airport complex.

Received presentation on the Long Beach Airport Draft Quality Improvement Plan (AQIP) – Elements Under Consideration.

September 19, 2019

Welcomed new Airport Director, Cynthia Guidry.

November 21, 2019

Received presentation on LGB's Economic Impact Report and on successful Festival of Flight event.

January 16, 2020

Received presentation on The Brown Act and Robert's Rules of Order.

February 20, 2020

Received report on overview of the budget process for Long Beach Airport.

Received report on budget impact from integration of Airport Special Services Officers into the Long Beach Police Department.

Received report on JetBlue Airways' reduction in operations at Long Beach Airport.

July 16, 2020

Received presentation from Aeroplex/Aerolease Group on solar power installation at Long Beach Airport.

August 20, 2020 - Special Meeting

Conducted study session regarding land use at Long Beach Airport.

Conducted study session regarding the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget for Long Beach Airport.

Received virtual tour of Phase II Terminal Improvement Program at Long Beach Airport.

September 17, 2020

Received presentation regarding the results of the second Passenger Experience Survey conducted at Long Beach Airport.

November 18, 2020

Received Airfield Improvement Program Update presentation.

PUBLIC VIEWING AREA COMMITTEE EFFORTS

- The Public Viewing Area Committee reviewed and made recommendations to several iterations of a draft site plan provided by Kilroy Realty for a public viewing area that they are willing to develop on their leasehold, adjacent to the airfield.
- The Chair of the Viewing Area Committee presented the revised site plan to the full commission for comment at the July 16, 2020 Commission Meeting.
- Staff continues to work with Kilroy Realty on the timing for the development of the viewing area, which is slated for completion in 2021.

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE EFFORTS

- Through regular meetings, the Sustainability Committee advises and supports Airport staff on the Mayor and City Council's goal for LGB to become a sustainability leader among airports.
- Thanks to a suggestion from the Sustainability Committee, Long Beach Airport entered into a partnership with the Good Traveler Program. The Good Traveler Program was founded by San Diego International Airport and is currently managed by Jet-Set Offset. This program provides travelers with the ability to voluntarily offset the environmental impact of their travel through the purchase of carbon offsets.
- The Sustainability Committee supports new efforts by Airport staff to collect sustainability data to gain a better understanding of the Airport's carbon footprint. This sustainability data will be used to quantify LGB's emissions inventory in preparation for Level 2 of Airport Carbon Accreditation (ACA) in 2021. Some of the data will also be used as part of a free energy audit that will be conducted by the Southern California Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN).
- The Sustainability Committee commends the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) in December 2019. Due to the need to reduce NOx emissions in the region, Long Beach Airport, along with four other airports in the South Coast Air Basin, entered into an MOU with South Coast AQMD. Through the implementation of this MOU, LGB is able to quantify the emissions reduction benefits at the Airport. In conjunction with the timing of the completion of the Ground Service Equipment (GSE) Chargers Improvement Project in February 2020, the airlines are incentivized more than ever to replace older ground support equipment with electric GSE.

IMPACT OF COVID-19

The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in the cancellation of the March 2020 meeting. With no meeting scheduled in April, Commission Meetings resumed telephonically on May 21, 2020, in accordance with health and safety protocols, as well as the Brown Act. In-person meetings will resume when health and safety conditions allow.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Your Airport Advisory Commission appreciates the opportunity to serve the citizens of Long Beach. The Airport is an integral part of the City. A key goal of the Airport is to provide business opportunities, air travel services and economic benefits while respecting the quality of life of our communities. The Airport Advisory Commission is a key link in this process. It is important that the Airport maintain its compatibility with the surrounding community. The Commission recognizes the ongoing benefits from its continuing involvement in fulfillment of its mission as prescribed by City Code. The Commission reviews air carrier and total noise budget data to ensure compliance with Long Beach Municipal Code Chapter 16.43 quarterly. This independent oversight provides the public with assurance that Airport staff is adhering to the environmental commitments made to the community. This dedication to providing timely reporting on noise violations and noise complaint data, as well as exploring opportunities to reduce adverse noise events, is important to the public. Their continued commitment to reviewing this information regularly with the Commission ensures compliance with the Noise Compatibility Ordinance and assurance that the Airport is taking its environmental obligations to the community seriously.

As it has in the past, the Commission will continue to interface with the Mayor, Council members and the community to share its views and what it has learned. We encourage your Honorable Mayor and City Council to rely on our resources of knowledge and inter-organizational contacts, including through the referral of issues.

The Commission looks forward to working with the City and its representatives over the coming year(s). We hope to continue to actively engage the public through our outreach efforts on issues such as:

- Desired achievements of the Airport's sustainability plan;
- Green airport matters, including noise abatement and land use compatibility; and
- Regional, state and federal affairs, as well as special events.

ABOUT LONG BEACH AIRPORT

Founded in 1923, Long Beach Airport is the oldest airport in California. Among its many awards, LGB was named a Top 10 airport in the 2020 USA Today 10Best Readers' Choice travel award contest for Best Small Airport. LGB offers nonstop service to 16 U.S. cities while supporting a healthy general aviation community with approximately 300,000 annual operations. The Airport is also a source of substantial economic activity and employment, with the LGB Aviation Complex generating \$8.6 billion in economic impact and supporting 46,000 jobs. For more information, visit www.lgb.org.



Long Beach Airport is a proud recipient of the Airport Health Accreditation



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