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LONG BEACH AIRPORT

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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 January 2007 – June 2008. (District 5)

DISCUSSION

In accordance with Municipal Code Section 2.18.090, the Report for the Long Beach Airport Advisory Commission for the period January 2007 – June 2008 is attached for City Council review. The Report details the Commission's activities over the past 18 months and includes recommendations for involvement during 2009. In the past, annual reports were developed on a calendar year basis. Beginning in 2008, the Commission's annual report will be based on a July 1 – June 30 year, to coincide with Commissioner's terms.

The report recommends continuation of the Commission, including continuing on-going and significant involvement in community education and outreach, and Airport policy review and recommendations.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

This issue is not time critical.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

CHRIS KUNZE
ACTING DIRECTOR
LONG BEACH AIRPORT

APPROVED:

PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER

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**City of Long Beach
Airport Advisory Commission**

**Report for the Period
January 2007 – June 2008**

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 2007 through June 2008.
- Its purpose is also 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 the 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 and Committees

During the reporting period, Carol Soccio was Chair and Bob Luskin was Vice Chair.

Committees and member functional assignments throughout the reporting period were as follows:

- Leasing / Land Use / Minimum Standards Committee
- Aviation Noise Abatement Committee Liaison
- City Council Member Liaison (each AAC member assigned to be liaison with a City Council member's or the Mayor's office)

Membership and Attendance

During the reporting period, the Commission held 15 regular meetings. 14 of the meetings were held at the Skylinks Golf Course Clubhouse public meeting room, and one was held at the Long Beach Airport Information Center.

All meetings were duly noticed and open to the public.

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

Membership and Attendance

The following is the attendance roster for the reporting period. All Commissioners continue to meet the Commissioner's Standing Rule Requirement of no more than two unexcused absences during a term.

✓ = Regular Attendance A = Absent AE = Absent Excused C = Chair VC = Vice Chair

Commissioner	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Jan	Feb	Mar	May	Jun
Bruce Alton	✓	✓	✓	✓	AE	AE	AE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bernard Clever	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	AE	✓	AE	✓	AE	✓
Alan Fox	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Douglas Haubert	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	AE	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bob Luskin	VC	VC	VC	VC	VC	VC	VC	VC	VC	AE	VC	VC	VC	VC	VC
Ron Salk	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	AE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Carol Soccio	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	AE	C	C
Don Temple	✓	AE	✓	AE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Considerations, Efforts and Actions During the Reporting Period

All Commissioners filed Statements of Economic Interest, as required under State law.

AAC received regular briefings on:

- Airport activities, including number of aircraft operations, passenger traffic and airline load factors
- Noise violations, late night flight operations and complaints
- Airfield construction
- Airline flight slot allocations
- Terminal Improvement Project and project financing

Additionally, the AAC received briefings on:

- The history of the Terminal Improvement Project EIR and litigation filed by the Long Beach Unified School District, by Commissioner Haubert
- The City budget, by representatives from the City Manager's office
- The Airport's new "No Smoking" policy, by Airport staff
- Portraits of Hope
- Proposed Class C Airspace for Long Beach
- The Airport's new WebTrak flight tracking and complaint filing program
- Goodyear airship operations by the airship's pilot
- Airport restaurant remodeling project by the local Managers for SSP America

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- Mobile noise monitoring in support of the Neighborhood Protection Plan

Minimum Standards for Aeronautical Activities

An AAC sub-committee worked closely with Airport staff to revise and update the Airport's Minimum Standards. Public hearings on the Minimum Standards were held in September 2007 and the resulting Commission recommended Minimum Standards for Aeronautical Activities was approved by the City Council and implemented effective January 1, 2008.

Southern California Regional Airport Authority

The AAC sent a letter in May 2007 to the Mayor supporting the City Council's efforts to 1) redefine the mission of SCRAA to only support growth at airports where growth is desired; 2) eliminate any power SCRAA may have to acquire property through eminent domain and 3) give the City veto power over any SCRAA action, including but not limited to those affecting the City's Airport Noise Ordinance.

General Aviation at Long Beach Airport

In July 2007, the AAC requested that a presentation and discussion of general aviation at the Airport be included as a regular agenda item, to address concerns about the health and protection of general aviation at the Airport. Several Commissioners stated their interest in the AAC being advocates and supporters of the general aviation community.

Parking Structure

In September 2007, the AAC reviewed the presentation of the Parking Structure Site Plan Review presented to the Planning Commission. In subsequent months, the AAC reviewed and provided input on changes made to the parking structure design, in

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response to concerns identified by the Planning Commission. In May 2008, the AAC heard a presentation about the proposed relocation of rental car facilities from the parking structures to new proposed facilities on the current MillionAir North leasehold, adjacent to the terminal.

Airport Noise Compatibility Ordinance

The AAC discussed the concept of changing the basis for differentiating between “airline” and “commuter” flights, as currently determined by FAA certificated takeoff weight. The Commission took the position, and communicated that position by letter to the Mayor and members of the City Council, that the current Airport Noise Compatibility Ordinance should not be changed.

Runway Safety Action Team

The Commission heard presentations about the FAA’s Call to Action that identified the Long Beach Airport as one of the nation’s top 20 airports with significant runway safety issues and risk of runway incursions. Actions the Airport is taking to address these issues include the formation of a Runway Safety Focus Group to study ways of simplifying the Airport’s complex geometry – including study of permanently closing the crosswind runways (16L/R – 34 L/R). The AAC may host hearings on the proposed closure or shortening of these runways in 2009.

Green Airport

In November 2007, the AAC was provided with an update of the Airport’s Green Airport Program and Neighborhood Protection Plan. The Green Airport Program is a formalization of a number of existing programs including storm water runoff management, recycling, both in daily operations and capital construction projects.

Recommendations

Your Airport Advisory Commission appreciates the opportunity to serve the citizens of Long Beach. The Airport is an important part of the City, from an historic standpoint as well as the current and future air transportation of its residents and the accompanying economic benefits to the City. It is also important that the Airport maintain its compatibility with the surrounding community, in fulfillment of the City's 2010 Strategic Plan. The Commission sees ongoing benefits from its continuing involvement in fulfillment of its mission, as prescribed by City Code.

As it has in the past, the Commission will continue to interface with the Mayor and City Council members, and 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), and hopes to continue to actively engage the public through our outreach efforts, on issues such as minimum standards for aeronautical activities, land use/development issues/efforts, the Green Airport Program, noise compatibility, regional/State/Federal affairs, and special events

The 2010 Strategic Plan Airports components, including regional aviation issues, should require active monitoring and review, and probable Commission involvement in the future.

Commission Staff Support and Related Costs

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 \$1,000 for calendar year 2007.

Staff from the Airport Bureau who regularly attended Commission meetings during this period were:

- Christine Andersen, Airport Director
- Christine Edwards, Assistant Airport Manager
- Ken Mason, Airport Secretary
- Nancy Trent, Landside Operations Superintendent
- Malcolm Oscarson, Administrative Officer
- Sharon Diggs-Jackson, Public Affairs Officer
- Maricela de Rivera, Public Affairs Assistant
- Eric Sheng, Airport Operations Specialist