



Meeting Minutes

City of Gainesville
Airport Advisory Board Meeting
Airport Terminal Conference Room
Monday, February 9, 2004 5:15 PM

Members Present: Carroll Johnson, Mike McKenzie, Earl Russell, Richard Lira

Members Absent: Nancy Brannon, Earl Clement, Ginger Herrmann

Staff Present: Matt Quick

Visitors Present: Councilman Jim King

The **first item of business** was calling the meeting to order at 5:22pm by Mike McKenzie.

The **second item of business** was discussion and action on meeting minutes from January 12 2004. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Richard Lira, with a second made by Earl Russell. Ayes: McKenzie, Johnson, Russell, Lira. Nays: None. Absent: Brannon, Clement, Herrmann.

The **third item of business** was citizen/tenant comments. None were given.

The **fourth item of business** was a presentation, discussion and action on entrance signage for the Gainesville Municipal Airport. The Airport Director stated the Gainesville Economic Development Corporations' interest in furnishing a new entrance sign for the airport. The sign would be placed at the intersection of Highway 82 and Weber Drive, replacing the existing sign. Mike McKenzie stated his thoughts considering the option of placing the new sign on the east side of the Weber Drive entrance rather than on the island where the existing sign is located. The Airport Director presented pictures of various signs, expressing his interest in one similar to that of Hunter's Oil Depot, located at 502 W Highway 82. The Board members conveyed they liked that style as well. Earl Russell had questions regarding an amount budgeted for a new sign. The Airport Director explained the GEDC had not made any commitments as of yet, and are asking the Board to determine what style they would like.

Earl Russell made a motion authorizing the Airport Director to discuss signage issues regarding budget, placement, size and layout with Thad Chambers, director of the GEDC, and offer a report during the next meeting. A second was made by Carroll Johnson. Ayes: McKenzie, Johnson, Lira, Russell. Nays: None. Absent: Brannon, Clement, Herrmann.

The **fifth item of business** was Airport Director reports. Reports were given regarding January 2004 fuel sales, CIP update, Master Plan update, Airport Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's), Interstate 35 Airport Signage, Airport Goals and Objectives for 2004, Future T Hangar development and other business. The Airport Director reported on TX DOT's assignment of a new Project Manager for the Airport CIP Project, Alan Schmidt. The Airport Director informed the Board the proposed Gainesville Municipal Airport Master Plan will be made accessible to TXDOT Commission on February 26, 2004, followed by the beginning of the "Request for Proposal" process. The Airport Director reported on information obtained during a recent meeting with the City Manager and TXDOT. The City is considering placement of an airport sign, in text, with an aircraft symbol, alongside Interstate 35. A handout was provided regarding current airport funding for the development of new T Hangars. The Airport Director stated federal, and state grant money could be used for further T Hangar development concerning the concrete aprons and pads, and local funds would be needed to build the infrastructure. A handout was also provided signifying the layout of security fencing to be built on the airport in the near future. The Airport Director reported on the decision to turn down a proposal submitted by Bill Morrow for a golf driving range on airport property.

The **sixth item of business** was Board member comments. Richard Lira questioned who would be in charge of extending Airport Drive to the north if there were to be a connection of Airport Drive and County Road 404. Earl Russell questioned the status of Weber Aircraft's property cleanup process. The Airport Director stated Weber Aircraft is expected to clean their property during the winter months and plant grass in the spring.

The **seventh item of business** was a motion made by Carroll Johnson to adjourn with a second made by Richard Lira. Ayes: McKenzie, Johnson, Lira, Russell. Nays: None. Absent: Brannon, Clement, Herrmann.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:28 pm.