



Meeting Minutes

City of Gainesville
Airport Advisory Board Meeting
Airport Terminal Conference Room
Monday, February 26, 2007 10:30 AM

Members Present: Earl Clement, Nancy Brannon, Ginger Herrmann, Carroll Johnson, Richard Lira

Members Absent: Earl Russell, Mike McKenzie

Staff Present: Leslie Greer

Visitors Present: Joe Jamieson, American Automated Technologies, Inc.

The **first item of business** was calling the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m., by Nancy Brannon.

The **second item of business** was Discussion and Action on meeting minutes from January 8, 2007. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Earl Clement, with a second made by Ginger Herrmann. Ayes: Clement, Lira, Herrmann, Johnson. Nays: None. Absent: McKenzie, Russell.

The **third item of business** was citizen/tenant comments. Nancy Brannon requested the meeting proceed until Mr. Jamieson arrived and Carroll Johnson spoke about his previous conversations with Mr. Jamieson, explaining his interest in moving his company to Gainesville. Mr. Johnson commented on Mr. Jamieson's plans for the Bell Aerospace building and how he would utilize the property as well as additional property for his business. There was discussion on the disinterest shown by the GEDC, but Bell Aero had shown interest in Mr. Jamieson's hopes of acquiring their building for his manufacturing business.

Mr. Jamieson arrived at 10:47 and informed the Board of his intentions and plans for the Bell Aero building as well as additional property on the southeast side of the Airport for a museum. He explained the steps he is taking to manufacture products he has invented and told how they worked. He plans on using the building for manufacturing an automated safety

hitch and is interested in possibly leasing the building and purchasing the land and building in the near future. Mr. Jamieson has a meeting planned in March with Bell Aero and Kent Sharp, GEDC director. Earl Clement asked if he had met with the GEDC and he replied he had not met with them and had not given them a proposal but that he and Kent Sharp had toured the Bell building and he demonstrated his product. Kent Sharp told Mr. Jamieson he had spoken to a couple of his Board members and couldn't seem to draw any interest. Carroll Johnson brought to attention the fact that he had spoken to a GEDC Board member and that member had no knowledge of Mr. Jamieson or his interest in moving a business to Gainesville. Mr. Jamieson told the Board Bell Aero is prepared to vacate the building with a thirty (30) day notice and the Board members all agreed there was no way the City could lose anything by Mr. Jamieson moving into the Bell building. Earl Clement asked if Mr. Jamieson had explored the employee base in this area and he said he had.

The **fourth item of business** was Discussion and Action on Airport Board Officer Nominating Committee. Carroll Johnson spoke about the changes taking place at the Airport and asked if everyone was in agreement to Nancy Brannon and Ginger Herrmann remaining as Chair and Vice-Chair persons. Nancy Brannon chose to leave the meeting in order for other members to discuss nominations among themselves. Ginger Herrmann agreed to remain as Vice Chairperson and members agreed Nancy Brannon should remain Chairperson for one (1) year and to review again at that time. A motion was made by Carroll Johnson to retain Nancy Brannon as Board Chairperson and Ginger Herrmann as Vice Chairperson for a one (1) time term of one (1) year, and go before the Board for review at the end of that year, with a second made by Richard Lira. Ayes: Clement, Herrmann, Lira, Johnson. Nays: None. Absent: McKenzie, Russell.

The **fifth item of business** was Discussion on Renewal of Oz Aviation, d.b.a. Flying Colors of Texas Lease. Nancy Brannon asked Leslie Greer where things stood regarding this lease. Ms. Greer informed the Board she was not aware of what had been discussed between the manager and Mark Zello. Carroll Johnson informed the Board he has spoken with Mr. Zello and that he had no interest in moving into the hangar being built by John Brown on the southeast side of the Airport but that he would rather accept the one (1) year option to extend and at the end of that year consider building a hangar of his own. A motion was made by Carroll Johnson to enter into a lease agreement with Mark Zello of Flying Colors of Texas for a one (1) year term extension, with a second made by Richard Lira. Ayes: Clement, Lira, Johnson, Herrmann. Nays: None. Absent: McKenzie, Russell.

The **sixth item of business** was Discussion of Renewal of Petroflex NA, Inc. Land Lease. Leslie Greer informed the Board the manager was in the process of looking for a new area on Airport property for Petroflex's operations. Impact Energy Services is interested in purchasing the area of property currently leased by Petroflex. Earl Clement was concerned their current location was owned by GEDC and maybe it was a matter for them to handle instead of the Airport. Nancy Brannon stated she would speak to someone she knows with Impact Energy Services to determine exactly what their intentions are and she asked Earl Clement to check with the GEDC and this item will be placed on the March 2007 agenda for further discussion.

The **seventh item of business** was Discussion on Safety/Security Issues Relating to Gainesville Municipal Airfield. Leslie Greer informed the Board of previous discussions related to this matter and the letter sent out by Airport Staff to tenants and business owners on

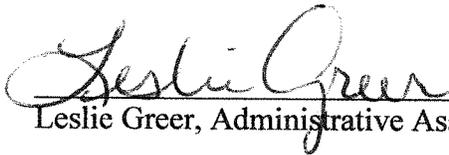
the Airport. Few people are complying with the request to refrain from driving vehicles on the ramp, taxiways and runways. The previous manager did not see the need to enforce the rules stated in the letter so Ms. Greer has drafted a follow-up letter to send out in an attempt to change the habits of the tenants on the Airport that don't feel the rules apply to them. Carroll Johnson discussed the safety issues related to vehicle traffic on the ramp apron and the concerns of the customers visiting our Airport. Nancy Brannon suggested she sign the letter and take further precautions to see to it that vehicle traffic is not permitted on the ramp area, if necessary.

The **eighth item of business** was Airport Director Reports. Nancy Brannon informed members of the reports included in their packets and asked Ms. Greer when the 2007 Texas Aviation Conference was going to be held. She stated she has attended this conference before and invited any of the members to get with Ms. Greer and make arrangements to attend if they were interested.

The **ninth item of business** was Board Member Comments. Nancy Brannon stated Mr. Jamieson should put together a proposal and he will be placed on the agenda for the March 2007 meeting. Members discussed the hiring of part time help and the search for a new manager. Items discussed were job qualifications and a search committee and Chairperson Brannon informed the Board a committee would be appointed in two weeks during the March 2007 meeting. She encouraged members to discuss the hiring of a new Airport Manager with Mike Land and agreed that they should all have a copy of the current job description.

A motion to adjourn was made by Richard Lira with a second made by Carroll Johnson. Ayes: Clement, Herrmann, Lira, Johnson. Nays: None. Absent: McKenzie, Russell.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 a.m.


Leslie Greer, Administrative Assistant


Nancy Brannon, Chairperson