



Meeting Minutes

City of Gainesville
Airport Advisory Board Meeting
Airport Terminal Conference Room
Monday, December 7, 2009
10:30 A.M.

Members Present: Nancy Brannon, Ginger Herrmann, Carroll Johnson, Richard Lira, Mike McKenzie, Dan Ott, and Earl Russell

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Dave Vinton

Visitors Present: John Brown

Richard Lira called the meeting to order at 10:32 A.M.

The **second item of business** was Discussion and Action on minutes from November 16, 2009. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Nancy Brannon with a second from Ginger Herrmann. Ayes: Brannon, Herrmann, Johnson, McKenzie, Ott and Russell. Nays: None.

Mr. Lira made a request to begin with Item 6., on the agenda so that John Brown could leave for another appointment. Ginger Herrmann made a motion to address Item 6., with a second from Mike McKenzie. Ayes: Brannon, Herrmann, Johnson, McKenzie, Ott and Russell. Nays: None.

The **sixth item of business** was Discussion and Action on John Brown hangar. Mr. Brown advised the board that he has a buyer for his hangar and would like the boards' recommendation for the City Council to accept the proposed land lease with Mr. Joseph Sepko (the purchaser). Mike McKenzie told Mr. Brown that he and Director Vinton had observed Mr. Sepko allowing Brad Barrett to perform mechanical work on Mr. Sepko's airplane in his current hangar. Mike McKenzie advised Mr. Brown that Mr. Barrett is not to be performing any type of work on this airfield without permission from the Airport Director, Airport Advisory Board and City Council.

Mr. McKenzie further stated that Mr. Brown should advise Mr. Sepko that no commercial activity should be performed in Mr. Sepko's new hangar, again, without the consent of the governing bodies. Carroll Johnson said that the board is investigating avenues to ban Mr. Barrett from the airport property due to his past actions and threats against city employees, board members and city officials. The collective board advised Mr. Brown that they did not want to bring any hardship to him or that they are against the sale of his hangar but wanted him and Mr. Sepko to know the status and condition of Mr. Barrett's past with the airport governing board. A motion to approve the sale of John Brown's hangar and enter into a ground lease with Joseph Sepko was made by Nancy Brannon with

a second from Mike McKenzie. Ayes: Brannon, Herrmann, Johnson, McKenzie, Ott and Russell.
Nays: None.

The **third item of business** was Citizen / Tenant Comments. None were made.

The **fourth item of business** was Discussion and Action on multi-use hangar. No action was required as the meeting between Mr. Morrow (Tomlinson Avionics) and Director Vinton was postponed to a later date. A motion to table was made by Mike McKenzie with a second from Ginger Herrmann. Ayes: Brannon, Herrmann, Johnson, McKenzie, Ott and Russell. Nays: None.

The **fifth item of business** was Discussion and Action on lease of the blue hangars. Director Vinton reported to the board that he requested business references from Mr. Haltom, and also that dollar amounts be associated with the proposal from Haltom Aircraft Services. He further stated that he reminded Mr. Haltom on Tuesday, December 1, of the material needed for the upcoming board meeting. No information was received. A motion to table the lease of blue hangars due to lack of an actual proposal from Haltom Aircraft Services was made by Nancy Brannon with a second from Mike McKenzie. Ayes: Brannon, Herrmann, Johnson, McKenzie, Ott and Russell. Nays: None.

The **seventh item of business** was update of the TXDOT project. Director Vinton discussed the construction schedule for the next three weeks in regards to the TXDOT project. Mr. Vinton reported that crack sealing, an application of a cold tar emulsion slurry, and painting are to be completed during that timeframe. Work on the detention pond is almost complete yet the concrete company is unable to access the headwall to finish their part of the project.

The **eighth item of business** was Airport Director Reports. Director Vinton reviewed the November fuel report with the board. Ginger Herrmann inquired about the proposed water delivery system that was reported in the paper and if it would benefit the airport in any way. Mr. Vinton said that it will eliminate the need for the water tank on airport property and will also be a plus to those wishing to develop anywhere in the vicinity of the airport.

Nancy Brannon asked Chairman Lira if he would speak to the mayor on behalf of the board requesting that the airport director be allowed to attend the upcoming TXDOT sponsored Texas Aviation Conference. She believes that Gainesville's absence from this venue sends a negative message to the TXDOT Aviation staff. The board concurred that we need a representative there to let TXDOT Aviation know that we are interested in what they have to offer, both in knowledge and grants, and that we want to be part of the aviation system. Chairman Lira advised that he would set up a meeting with the Mayor to express the board's concern in this matter.

The **eighth item of business** was to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Earl Russell with a second from Nancy Brannon. Ayes: Brannon, Herrmann, Johnson, McKenzie, Ott and Russell. Nays: None.


Richard Lira, Chairperson


Deb Turbeville, Administrative Assistant