



Meeting Minutes

City of Gainesville
Airport Advisory Board Meeting
Airport Terminal Conference Room
Monday, October 29, 2012
10:30 A.M.

Members Present: Ginger Herrmann, Carroll Johnson, Mike McKenzie, and Dan Ott

Absent: Nancy Brannon, Richard Lira, and Earl Russell

Staff Present: Dave Vinton

The **second item of business** was Discussion and Action on minutes from August 27, 2012. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mike McKenzie with a second from Dan Ott. Ayes: Herrmann, McKenzie, and Ott. Nays: None. Absent: Brannon, Lira, and Russell.

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

The **fourth item of business** was discussion on the sale of airport property to The Gainesville Economic Development Corporation (GEDC). Director Vinton advised the board that he and GEDC Director Mr. Sharp had met with KSA Engineering to begin the process of requesting release of land from the FAA that is currently leased to the GEDC. Director Vinton advised the board that it is a special use building and the prospective clients the GEDC has brought in to lease the building have all requested the land with the building and no long term user/lease for the area has been found after several years of searching. Mr. McKenzie asked what will happen with extending Airport Dr. to the North and the development of that area of the airport if the sale is finalized. Director Vinton will research this question.

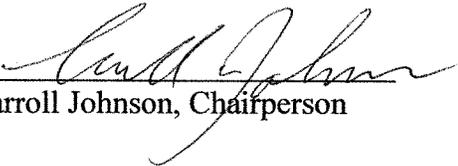
Ms. Herrmann requested conformation that any monies from the sale of land would be for airport use only which she received from Mr. Vinton. Ms. Herrmann then questioned if the airport could have first right of refusal should the property be marketed again. Mr. Johnson said that this would have to be investigated and possible involve contacting TXDOT on this question. Mr. Ott questioned whose responsibility it would be for any EPA concerns during the sale of land. Director Vinton stated that he will ask the consulting group at their next meeting.

The **fifth item of business** was discussion on the FY 11-12 Airport financial results (preliminary). Director Vinton advised the board that the airport reduced its negative cash balance this year and is taking steps to get the cash balance into the black very soon.

The **sixth item of business** was Airport Director Reports. Director Vinton discussed the fuel reports with the board. He advised that the fuel sold was less than last year with an even decrease across the fuel types. Mr. Vinton advised the board that the balloon festival was a big hit despite the high winds during most of the event. Approximately 6,000 attended this event. The TXAAA Fly-In was quite disappointing this year with storms predicted and low clouds throughout the day. A total of 500 people attended this event. The Weber Family Fun Day was another big hit with 5,500 participants at the aerodrome. High winds were a factor in the afternoon yet early evening was enjoyable for all.

Director Vinton advised the board of the city's desire to designate a portion of airport land into a reinvestment zone. Mr. McKenzie questioned if the director had previous knowledge of this action to which he responded to the negative. Director Vinton did state that he attended the city council meeting after reading about the proposed action in the city council agenda distributed 4 days prior. Mr. Johnson asked how this action would affect the airport. Director Vinton stated that he could not answer the question as he had minimal information about this designation.

The **seventh item of business** was to adjourn.



Carroll Johnson, Chairperson



David Vinton, Airport Director