

City of Lawrence

Aviation Advisory Board Meeting

March 8, 2018 Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Ackerly, Jonathan Becker, Dan Born, Gary Knudsen, and Cheri Thompson
MEMBERS ABSENT: Richard Haig, and Jeff Long
STAFF PRESENT: Chuck Soules
PUBLIC PRESENT: Rick Bryant (ADG), Greg, Clancey Maloney, Mark Ewing, and Greg Hildenbrand

I. Call to Order:

Gary Knudsen called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

II. Approval of Minutes of December 14, 2018 Meeting:

Bill Ackerly moved, and Cheri Thompson seconded the approval of the minutes of the previous meeting of December 14, 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Public Comment:

Clancy Maloney introduced herself and reported that she was moving into a hangar B9 with a B55 Baron. She is a flight instructor and Commercial Pilot, contemplating getting back in the air.

IV. KU, Department of Aerospace Engineering Unmanned Aircraft Testing:

Mark Ewing of Kansas University reported that his discussions with the FAA Air Traffic Control staff were short and sweet. Air Traffic Control says no drone will fly about 0' AGL within 50 miles of MCI. Mark reported he is looking for other avenues of communication with FAA, but with the disappointing position of Air Traffic Control, the Project on hold. The Board and staff suggested contacts with the FAA. If approval from FAA comes forth, it will take 60 days to get approval at the local level. Greg Hildebrand with Life Flight reported seeing no problem because KU UAV has the ability to return to the ground in 120 seconds and can be in a limited flight location within 60 seconds. Mr. Hildebrandt cautioned the need for notice as to when KU AUV are flying.

V. KOMA Review:

Chuck Soules reviewed KOMA Powerpoint presentation. See PowerPoint handout. There was a discussion of chain communications and a distinguishing of discussion among board members of a notice of a meeting and discussion of the topics of that meeting.

VI. Review of Bylaws:

The Board reviewed the bylaws and found no major changes.

VII. Election of Officers – Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary:

After general discussion Richard Haig was unanimously elected Chair; Gary Knudsen was elected Vice Chair with one abstention by Mr. Knudsen; and Jonathan Becker was elected Secretary by a vote of 4-1 with Mr. Becker voting nay. During the post-election party, it was noted that Mr. Knudsen may be moving before the end of his term and Mr. Becker's term concludes in May 2018.

VIII. FBO Report:

There was no FBO report.

IX. Other Business:

The staff reviewed the Skydiving proposal that was amended by the City Commission to permit electronic submittal of waiver and insurance and permission for skydiving at nighttime. Board members asked for clarification of who was going to supervise these activities and the need for the application approval to have deadlines for submission of materials before the day of actions.

The Staff reported on the FAA feedback of Minimum Standards and Development and the absence of any mention of agricultural aviation purposes. Ag use and itinerant users are currently not addressed in minimum standards. A number of board members pointed out the need to comply with state statutes on control of pesticides would need to be incorporated into any Minimum Standards. The state laws required a particularly designed loading pad with a drain that would capture and sanitary removal any pesticide effluent. There was also discussion brought up by Mr. Becker at the suggestion of Mr. Haig about the relationship between the city's Minimum standards and business development. The board felt that there was a distinction between minimum standards and variety of business development(s). It was the conclusion of the board that Minimum standards should not be used for business development encouragement or prohibitions.

There was a report on the construction of the fence. Mr. Bryant reported the project was about 85 days in and with the next two weeks of pristine weather, the project should be complete. They were targeting an April 15th finish date. There was a discussion about the gates and what security would be for maintenance gates and access. It was noted that the Fire Dept. data base should be updated about the gates and keys should be given to the Fire Dept.

There was discussion of the new Hangar Contracts. Some of the changes had been done without any notice to lessees, particularly about back rent that had not been timely collected and the increases. It was noted with the shorter annual leases; these kinds of issues should not arise in the future. There would be no back rent issues and the city was cognizant that they could not be anticipating 3% increases annually. Staff had gathered information on 12-14 airports and their hangar leases before setting their rates. The City lease rates would not be the highest or the lowest regionally as there were people who chased the lowest rates. For the current year, Class A hangars were \$225 a month' Class B and C would be \$250.

Cheri Thompson reminded the Board that the Youth Aviation Camp was set for May 19th. The City needed to be updating the registration of the pilots who would participate and the waivers they would need to sign. Staff noted that the Leadership Lawrence had raised an issue about liability of the City and the volunteers who flew sightseeing trips for the final meeting of Leadership Lawrence. The Chamber thought liability should be with the City and the Board and staff felt that the liability should be with the Chamber. This last issue arose because of Richard Martin's incapacity last year while just standing at the airport.

X. Adjourn:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Next Meeting time is 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 2, 2018, in the Richardson Memorial Pilots' Lounge at the Lawrence Municipal Airport Terminal Building.