

# **SALT LAKE CITY DEPARTMENT OF AIRPORTS MINUTES OF ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

18 February 2015

Members Present: Mickey Gallivan – Chair  
Christine Botosan  
Igor Best-Devereux  
Natalie Gochnour  
Wayne Holland  
David Ibarra  
J.T. Martin  
Larry Pinnock  
Mike Zuhl

Department of Airports: Maureen Riley, Executive Director  
John Buckner, Director of Administration & Commercial Services  
Ed Cherry, Chief Information Officer  
LuJean Christensen, Management Support Coordinator  
Carol Dean, Financial Reporting Manager  
Barbara Gann, Director of Public Relations  
Pete Higgins, Director of Maintenance  
Marco Kunz, Attorney  
Dave Korzep, Operations  
Steve Marlovits, Police Chief  
Allen McCandless, Director of Planning  
Patty Nelis, Environmental Programs Manager  
Kevin Robins, Director of Engineering  
Mike Williams, TRP Program Director

Chair Mickey Gallivan called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

## **AGENDA**

### **A. Minutes**

The motion was made by Igor Best-Devereux and seconded by Wayne Holland to approve the minutes of January 21, 2015 as presented. All votes were affirmative; motion passed.

### **B. Director's Report**

Maureen Riley, Executive Director, updated the Airport Advisory Board regarding current events.

- Riley updated the Board on the budget process that is underway. The Board meeting that will be held in March will have a full budget presentation. Initial results show that the budget will increase significantly this year. The practice within the City is when a capital

project is implemented, the full amount of the cost of that project is budgeted in the year of implementation. The FY16 Airport budget will be in the neighborhood of \$1.3 billion dollars. Consideration for implementing the new deicing facility is underway with the Airlines to determine if the Airport will budget for the costs of the deicing facilities or the Airlines will contract it out. The budget impact to the Airports budget may increase by \$1.5 to \$2 million.

- Riley gave a brief Terminal Redevelopment Program (TRP) update. The TRP is about 60% of the way through the design phase. The Airport implemented the rental car facility because the existing facilities have to be demolished to start terminal construction.
- Barbara Gann, Public Relations Director, has been working with a new consultant to redesign the website to be able to incorporate videos and other information about the TRP.
- In the April timeframe, an in-depth and thorough presentation will be provided on the new FBO.
- Riley introduced Marco Kunz, City Attorney, who presented a Taxi Ground Transportation update. Kunz informed the Board that effective December 16, the City Council passed some minor amendments, which have had significant impacts on ground transportation in the City. The on-demand limitations on all ground transportation for the City were eliminated. All ground transportation providers are legally able to provide on-demand service in the City and at the Airport. Ramifications from the amendment changes affected three main issues related to ground transportation going on in the City. The first issue is a previously issued waiver that was implemented to provide legal on-demand service was terminated effective last Friday. The second issue is the contract that Ace and Total entered into with the City was mutually agreed upon to be terminated. The third issue is the taxi cab litigation, which has been pending for the past three years, and a verbal agreement to dismiss the lawsuit has been negotiated.

Discussion ensued on the operational and customer impacts at the Airport in regards to the changes in the ground transportation ordinance. Board members raised concerns over fares not being regulated by the City; the requirement that a percentage of vehicles that are ADA compliant is no longer in effect; the requirement for 24/7 coverage is gone; and the requirement to serve the entire City is no longer in effect. Gallivan made the request to include a discussion item on ground transportation on the next Board agenda; to have periodic updates sent out to the Board members; have the concerns shared with the Mayor; to provide contact information for customer comments; and to update Airport signage instructing customers that the fares are not regulated by the City and to obtain or negotiate pricing prior to actual transport. Riley stated that the Airport has the ability to manage ground transportation through Rules and Regulations.

Gallivan introduce and welcomed Christine Botosan to the Airport Advisory Board.

### **C. Utah's Air Quality Program**

Bryce Bird, Air Quality Director, Utah Department of Environmental updated the Board on Utah's Air Quality Program (presentation on file).

The presentation points included:

- Days exceeding current federal health standards.
- National ambient air quality standards.
- The areas of non-attainment and maintenance in Utah.
- Concentrated population and associated pollution.
- Sources of air pollution include mobile, natural sources, emissions, area, and point sources.
- State-wide annual emissions by source.
- Control strategies developed through an 18 month stakeholder process.
- Long term strategies that include local research, increased monitoring, modeling and operating permit emission fee restructure.

Igor Best-Devereux inquired how much is attributed to the Airport in area and non-road pollutants. Bird responded that on an annual basis Airport operations represent 2 ½ - 3 percent.

J.T. Martin inquired if emissions at the Airport are collected by instruments or by data. Bird answered that the emissions are derived from EPA standards applied to activity at the Airport, not directly monitored but statistically calculated from data.

Best-Devereux thanked Bird for presenting this critical issue to the Board and even though the Airport contributes a small percentage, any mitigation the Airport can do will have a positive impact.

#### **D. Innovations in Aviation**

Patty Nelis, Environmental Programs Manager, gave a presentation on Innovations in Aviation to the Board (presentation on file). Main points included were:

- Improved aircraft efficiency equals reduced aircraft emissions.
- Sustainable aviation fuels include algae, feed stocks, forest residue, used cooking oil, cow manure, and sustainable kerosene.
- Biofuel research is underway at the Salt Lake City Airport.
- Environmental performance measures include remote sensors, aerodynamic and flight control improvements, direct routes and improved vertical profiles, new air traffic control technologies, noise reduction and fuel and weight reduction.
- To reduce aircraft emissions, green taxiing vehicles such as taxibot are being tested.
- Alternate energy sources include fuel cell technology and propulsion technology.

Mike Zuhl remarked that the linear design for the new Airport will help in reducing aircraft emissions.

The next Board meeting will be held the 18 March 2015.

Board Chair, Mickey Gallivan, closed the meeting at 9:19 a.m.

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Mickey Gallivan, Chair

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Date

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Ralph Becker, Mayor

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Date