



SUNNYSIDE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

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PORT OF SUNNYSIDE, BOARD ROOM

July 17, 2012

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Chairman Larry Dolan.

2. ROLL CALL:
Larry Dolan, Chairman
Mike Farmer,
Frank Sweet,
Shane Fisher
Jon Smiley, absent
Amber Hansen, Vice Chair,
Jim Grubenhoff,
Ted Durfey,
Randy Schuler, absent

Mike F. indicated that he would contact Jon Smiley, John Gallagher and Randy Schuler and affirm that they or a representative will remain on the committee.

GUESTS / STAFF MEMBERS:

3. Accept and approve the minutes of the February 21, 2012. Ted D. moved to approve, Mike F. seconded, motion carried.

4. ACTIVE AGENDA:

- A. Frank reported that the City Council and City Staff had determined that they should not enter into a ILA at this time. The City would like some time to explore their options and what they can do to make the airport all that it can be for the future of Sunnyside. The City recognizes that the Sunnyside Municipal Airport is a asset to the City and wants to take the time to focus on making it better to help attract more businesses to Sunnyside and also more visitors.

There was some concern expressed by several committee members about the City continuing to operate the airport, mostly because of past neglect. However, all agreed that what was need was for the airport to move in a direction of improvement and growth and if that were happening it didn't matter who owned it. All recognize that this will be a team effort of all parties working together.

- B. Shane reported that the site for the AWOS has been selected. They are working to finalize that portion to get FAA approval and working with the consultants towards installation. Shane expects the AWOS to be operational by the end of this year.

Shane and Jed, Port staff, will work together on the lease or easement for the location of the AWOS and access road.

- C. Ted reported that he is still hopeful about having this event this fall, however, if not he will work making it happen next spring.

- D. Frank reported that the City is working on updating all their airport related leases.
- 5. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

Amber reported that Jay Hester, incoming Executive Director for the Port, will be her replacement on this committee beginning in January. However, he will most likely start attending the meetings after he comes on board with the Port.
- 6. NEXT MEETING: August 21, 2012 at 5:30pm
- 7. ADJOURN: 7:15