

MINUTES
REPUBLIC AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING
DECEMBER 9, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Nocerino at 7:01 p.m. Also present were Republic Airport Commission Members Stella Barbera, Robert Bodenmiller and Richard Grant Joan Flaumenbaum and Vincent Bologna, Jr.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Announcements.

II. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

The August and October 2015 meeting minutes were adopted.

III. CHANGES AND/OR ADOPTION OF AGENDA

No changes and/or adoption of the agenda were made.

IV. REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS, & OTHER BUSINESS

A. REPORTS

1. OPERATIONS, AIRCRAFT COMPLAINT & FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2015

The Operations and Noise Complaint Reports for September and October 2015 were discussed by Ms. Shelley LaRose-Arken, Airport Manager. In the month of September, the FAA recorded 18,928 total operations, an increase from the previous year. The Airport Operations Department reported 6,816 landings, an increase in all categories as a result of the good weather we are experiencing in the northeast. Touch and go operations reported were 2,073, an increase of 1,250 from the previous year. Passenger counts for Atlantic City were higher than last year with

1,204 reported. Based aircraft reported was 450.

In October 2015, the FAA recorded 19,612 total operations. The Airport Operations Department reported a total of 6,805 landings, an increase of 3,018 reflected in all categories. Total Touch and Go operations reported were 2,025, an increase from last year. Atlantic City passenger count in October was higher with 1354 reported and the total based aircraft was 452.

In September there were 12 noise complaints registered. This was lower than last year. Six were reported as daytime and six unknown. The complaints were predominantly caused by jet aircraft which were reported by residents residing in the northwest quadrant of the airport. Transient aircraft accounted for three of the complaints registered and three were from based aircraft.

In October, there were a total of 17 noise complaints. Nine complaints registered were caused by daytime jet aircraft events. Eight of the complaints were unknown. The majority of the complaints were registered by residents residing in the northwest quadrant of the airport. In October, one of the aircraft complaints was caused by a based aircraft, eight were caused by transient aircraft and eight unknown. In October, we had an F18 arrival that was associated with visitors from Grumman. Three of the complaints were as a result of the aircraft arrival and departure of the F18.

Commissioner Flaumenbaum inquired if there were any other known complaints other than the F18. Ms. LaRose-Arken responded that it is hockey season. The Islanders' aircraft had a few expected complaints.

Mr. Barnable discussed the Financial Reports for the months of September and October 2015. Tie downs were lower than forecasted. Landing fees were higher than budgeted. Fueling fees were higher which helped make up the difference. Insurance premiums were lower. Employee expenses were lower due to NYSDOT physicals exam expenses. Commissioner Barbera inquired if the tie down loss was a result of less people parking

their aircraft at Republic. Ms. LaRose-Arken responded that there are vacancies at the Echo ramp. In addition, revenue from FBO tiedowns are lower due to vacancies in those areas.

2. RECENT/CURRENT EVENTS

On December 7, 2015 the 74th annual Pearl Harbor Ceremony was held at the American Airpower Museum. Commissioners Bob Bodenmiller and Stella Barbera attended along with Airport Management and staff.

Chairman Frank Nocerino thanked Candice Rudd for the lovely article written to include that this Commission was blindsided by the announcement of Talon's FBO approval. Commissioner Nocerino added that this Commission represents the community and each are designated liaisons with the State of New York. Commissioner Nocerino added that he has been in contact with NYSDOT on the Conklin property issue as well as the status of the restaurant property and has not heard back. Mr. Ron Epstein assured that he would contact Frank to discuss. Things are quiet at the moment due to the holidays and most likely will reconvene in January.

Chairman Nocerino addressed the audience that if they had any questions or heard anything that concerned them, please do not hesitate to contact the Commission and he would look into it. This Commission is here for the community and will be happy to support and address any community concerns.

Tina Diamond asked Commissioner Nocerino if Mr. Epstein will notify the Commission of the names of the companies that put in for the upcoming RFI/RFP for the airport. Commissioner Nocerino said, "Yes. He would." Commissioner Nocerino added that the Commission is not familiar with the process, but assured the audience that he would follow through.

Reverend Patty Furino stated that she researched the former Commissioner of NYSDOT, Joan McDonald and the newly appointed

Commissioner, Matthew Driscoll, to learn about their background. She was happy to see that Commissioner Driscoll was the former Mayor of Syracuse. The articles mentioned that he was a huge proponent of “green” development and nicknamed Syracuse, “Emerald City” as a result of his accomplishments. She would like the Commission to reach out to Commissioner Matthew Driscoll and discuss the emergency services operations here at Republic Airport and the need to continue in this development for the future.

Commissioner Nocerino responded that this Governor’s past remarks about Republic Airport, JFK and LaGuardia have all been misrepresented. MacArthur Airport needs attention and funding. Senator Flanagan’s representative inquired about MacArthur. When Albany returns to session, let’s see what transpires. Economic development at JFK and LaGuardia is needed. The relief they need should be coordinated with MacArthur Airport development. This Commission is trying to show Albany the gem that MacArthur is. There is a lot going on behind the scenes. Mr. Epstein is pretty responsive to us. As a group and as a community, he is responding to all of our inquiries. Albany knows how serious this Commission is in working with our community. The Commission has been around for more than 20 years and we thank each of you for your continued support. Please forward any information on to us.

Commissioner Barbera thanked Reverend Furino for her research and encouraged her to continue same. Commissioner Barbera also stated that this Commission would be very interested in her findings and to not hesitate to share them with the Commissioners.

RESOLUTIONS

No Resolutions.

B. OTHER NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BUSINESS

1. Breslau Modernization and Redevelopment Update: The FAA grant is

90% funded by the federal government and 10% by NYSDOT. This is a relocation of runway safety area (RSA) 1/19, Taxiway Golf and Hangars 2 and 3. This is not an expansion of these areas. NYSDOT has met with the tenants to discuss their needs. It was a successful meeting. The design will take approximately 8 to 12 months. No construction will occur during that period. We anticipate construction to begin in 2017. Sheltair has begun grubbing and clearing a section in the Breslau area. No plans for more at this time.

2. Northeastern FBO Application: The application is still under review. No approval has been issued. There are still some outstanding items to be addressed.
3. Governor's Initiative to Modernize NY Airports - RFP: This is still an open procurement. The proposal is still under review. Interviews were held yesterday.
4. Governor's RFI to enhance economic activity at FRG and SWF: No change since the last meeting.

Commissioner Nocerino announced that he met with Mr. Stew Leonard, Jr. while attending the Oyster Bay Festival. Commissioner Nocerino has scheduled a meeting with him to discuss good neighbor relations with the airport. Mr. Leonard expressed interest and mentioned that the store is scheduled to open by March 2016.

V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Three (3) individuals commented.

Mr. Michael Geiger, former Airport Director of Republic Airport addressed the Commission and the audience, extending his gratitude for the ten years as a public servant for the people of the State of New York and Republic Airport and surrounding communities. In all of that time, Mr. Geiger never missed a Commission Meeting. He expressed how important the meetings have been and the community involvement is impressive. The Commission members all reside in the surrounding communities and the liaison aspect has been extremely helpful considering all the times all have worked together despite difference and negative opinions. He thanked the Commission for the great job they have done for Republic Airport and wished them continued success in the future.

Commissioner Nocerino thanked Mr. Geiger and Ms. LaRose-Arken for their knowledge and support of the Commission members. He acknowledged that Mr. Barnable has big shoes to fill and has been doing great so far. Commissioner Nocerino added that this is the first time in many years that the Commission is confident with the community support received. It is this Commissions' job to make sure that all remarks, comments and concerns are represented in the community even when their hands are tied. This Commission knows how the Republic Airport Community can rally together and has made their message loud and clear in the past.

Ms. Tina Diamond of Concerned Citizens of Farmingdale Association stated that she has read articles that Talon is interested in developing the six parcels mentioned earlier. Commissioner Nocerino explained that the parcels mentioned are part of the ESD and RFI and Talon would like to acquire all of them. Talon has the right to submit their proposals. In the meantime, if anyone hears of anything, please don't hesitate to contact the Commission.

Mr. Robert Gordon of Republic Airport Pilots Association (RAPA) stated that in the spirit of Christmas, he will refrain from complaining about the misguided idiots in Albany.

Commissioner Nocerino addressed Mr. Gordon and acknowledged that Mr. Gordon and his group have been with Republic Airport for a very long time. They have seen all the highs and lows and acknowledge that they all strive for the same goal. There is strength in numbers. This Commission speaks the truth and thanks the media for reporting our facts correctly. We receive feedback from the community thanking this

Commission for looking out for all common interest.

Chairman Nocerino wished everyone a happy and healthy holiday. He adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by:

Gary Barnable on behalf of the Executive Secretary

Republic Airport Commission