

**MINUTES**  
**REPUBLIC AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 4, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Nocerino at 7:08 p.m. Also present were Republic Airport Commission Members Robert W. Bodenmiller, Stella Barbera, Joan Flaumenbaum and Richard Grant. Vincent Bologna, Jr. was absent.

**I. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Republic Airport Commission received a letter from the Town of Babylon regarding the Acadia project proposed site development plan on Conklin Street. This Commission is opposing this development as we opposed the Stew Leonard development back many years ago. This Commission is sending a letter to Supervisor Schaeffer that our position has not changed.

In regard to the Sheltair project, this Commission just received a set of plans for review. We have instructed Stella Barbera to reach out to the Working Group to receive questions and comments that we can bring to Sheltair.

No other updates from Albany in regard to any further Republic Airport development. However this Commission has heard a rumor that Talon has shown interest and is very interested in purchasing the available parcels and is seeking to develop to grow their organization. Interim Airport Director, Gary Barnable, indicated that the RFP is still under an open procurement process and no details are available at this time.

Airport Manager, Robert Yturraspe announced the new Operations Manager, Avinash Bhairo.

Interim Airport Director, Gary Barnable, announced that FEMA contacted our offices in preparation of Hurricane Matthew forecast. A lead scout will be coming by the airport tomorrow.

**II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Commission Chairman, Frank Nocerino, announced that due to lack of quorum, the elections will be held at the next meeting.

**III. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

Due to the lack of a quorum the Commission was unable to adopt the minutes from the April, June and August 2016 meeting.

**IV. CHANGES AND/OR ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

No changes or adoptions were made.

**V. REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS, & OTHER BUSINESS**

**A. REPORTS**

**1. OPERATIONS, AIRCRAFT COMPLAINT & FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR JULY AND AUGUST 2016**

The Operations and Noise Complaint Reports for July and August 2016 were discussed by Robert Yurraspe, Airport Manager. In the month of July, the FAA recorded 19,552 total operations, a decrease from the previous year. The Airport Operations Department reported 6,908 landings, a decrease in all categories. Touch & Go operations reported were up with a total of 2,150 reported. Passenger counts were lower compared to this time last year. There were 469 based aircraft reported for the month of July. In August 2016, the FAA recorded 22,667 total operations, an increase from the previous year. The Airport Operations Department reported a total of 8,082 landings, a decrease from last year. Passenger counts to Atlantic City were lower than last year. Based aircraft reported in August was 469, which is the same as last month

There were a total of 917 noise complaints registered in July, an increase from the previous year. Complaints reported were: 4 during the day, six at

night and seven listed as unknown. Thirteen of the complaints were caused by jet aircraft events with sixteen of the calls coming from the northwest quadrant of the airport. Three resulted from a based aircraft and ten were transient.

There was a total of 11 noise complaints registered in August, a decrease from the year prior. Three of the complaints were during the day, one at night and seven unknown. The majority of the complaints registered were caused by jet aircraft reported by residents residing in the northwest quadrant of the airport. Two were a result of based aircraft and four were from transient and five were unknown.

Mr. Gary Barnable discussed the Financial Reports for the months of July and August 2016. In July, landing fees were higher than budgeted as well as rent payment and utilities were higher than budgeted. License fees, fuel fees and tiedown fees were lower than budgeted. Labor expenses were lower due to vacant positions and related benefits. Employee expenses were lower due as well as vehicle maintenance and airport maintenance better than budgeted. Janitorial services were higher than budgeted.

In August, Landing fees were higher than budgeted, rent and takedowns were also higher than budgeted. License fees were less than budgeted and miscellaneous fees were less than budgeted. Total expenses were lower than budgeted. Commissioner Nocerino inquired about film shoots. Mr. Yturraspe responded that yes, there was a lot of activity including Madam Secretary, Elementary and we are currently in negotiations with Billions, a Netflix production.

## 2. RECENT/CURRENT EVENTS

No recent or current events.

## B. OTHER NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BUSINESS

1. Runway 1-19 Safety Area Improvements: New York State is waiting for concurrence from the FAA.
2. Northeastern FBO Application: Northeastern application is still in for submission. No change.
3. RFP by Empire State Development for the long term lease of Five Development Parcels: Commissioner Nocerino expressed this Commissions' sentiments opposing development earlier in the meeting.
4. Sheltair Development in the Breslau Area: Plans have been received for review and comments. Stella Barbera will reach out to the Working Committee to set up a meeting for review, comments and questions.

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Two (2) individuals commented.

Chairman Nocerino adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously. Next Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by:

**Gary Barnable on behalf of  
Executive Secretary  
Republic Airport Commission**

Public Comments

October 4, 2016

Ms. Helen Norjen of Concerned Citizens of Farmingdale thanked Mr. Barnable for sending her a copy of the ALP. She inquired why words were missing over the parcel close to Route 109 on the plans. Mr. Barnable will try to obtain an earlier copy for her. He will ask the consultant to relocate the legend when they do the next update.

Ms. Norjen expressed enthusiasm at the Working Group coming back together after several years. She asked that Tina Diamond be included as a member going forward.

Ms. Norjen expressed concern over Talon's development and to make sure that the PILOT program not be a part of this. Commissioner Nocerino explained that a letter was sent to Albany to request that all development projects be put back on the tax roles. She went on to express the

Ms. Norjen inquired if there are any 737s based at Republic Airport? Mr. Yturraspe replied, no. Ms. Norjen asked if any of the charter companies used 737 aircraft. Mr. Yturraspe replied, "Yes. The hockey teams."

Ms. Norjen inquired how the Sheltair project plans will be made available. Commissioner Nocerino explained that this will all be available at the Working Group meetings.

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