

MINUTES
REPUBLIC AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING
FEBRUARY 7, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Frank Nocerino at 7:00 p.m. Also present were Republic Airport Commission Members Vincent Bologna, Jr., Robert Bodenmiller, Richard Grant, Stella Barbera and Joan Flaumenbaum.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gary Barnable introduced Republic Airport's new Airport Manager, Rick McElroy.

II. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

The minutes from the December 2016 meeting were adopted.

III. CHANGES AND/OR ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

Commissioner Nocerino read a letter from the Republic Airport Commission addressed to NYSDOT Commissioner Matthew Driscoll dated January 9, 2017. A copy of the letter was provided to all interested parties in attendance. Commissioner Nocerino read a response letter from Empire State Development dated February 2, 2017, Corporation. A copy of the letter was provided to all interested parties in attendance. This project will not expand the footprint of the airport or involve the introduction of commercial air service. There will be a meeting on March 2nd at 7pm with Empire State Development to discuss the RFP for the Long-Term Lease of Five Development Parcels at Republic Airport with all interested parties.

Before reading the letters, Commissioner Nocerino asked if anyone wished to ask any questions in regard to the letters above.

Helen Norjen of the Woodland Civic Association: According to Newsday, there was a

meeting held with the community but it seems that the RAC was not really involved. NYS DOT should be making decisions based on the advice of the RAC. It seems that the state is not complying with the Transfer Legislation.

Chairman Nocerino responded: Stratosphere is designated subject to environmental review and FAA review. These concerns will be addressed at the March 2nd meeting. This is still an open process. Someone will be there to address questions. The RAC will follow up with a letter if all the questions are not answered at the meeting.

Sean Brady (Brady Risk Management): stated that he was part of a group that responded to the RFP with a proposal that maximized the value of the property. He had a meeting with the Empire State Development after being designated as one of potential awardees. He had concerns with the RFP process. He asked,

- Will we have an opportunity to review Talon's repose to the RFP?
- They are proposing a project that is aviation use, that is not what was in the RFP.
- We are asking for an open vetting by the LIA, who serves education, community and business interests to see what is best for the island, community and airport users.
- Sent a letter to ESD, received no response (copies distributed-email)

Chairman Nocerino responded: These are valid concerns; elected officials should be invited to the meeting on March 2nd. The letter says "conditional" award subject to a public approval process. There may be things to look into.

Mr. Brady asked: Do we know what they are going to build?

Chairman Nocerino responded: No clue, that may be discussed that night.

Ms. Helen Norjen asked: Can there be a press release?

Chairman Nocerino responded: We will work on it.

Commissioner Stella Barbera questioned the role of the commission. When the state awarded the parcels in August and November, did they have the responsibility to notify the committee? It is incumbent upon the DOT to inform us about what they are about to do?

Chairman Nocerino responded: That was the purpose of the letter, to ask questions.

John Lisi of Daniel Civic Association: The meeting is happening after the fact. The electronic version of the article is different from the printed version. The last two sentences are missing which states that Talon intends to expand their FBO operations.

Chairman Nocerino: (read from the response letter) ... conditional upon the following public approvals process.

Commissioner Robert Bodenmiller: The commission has no real authority. We cannot advise on a project that has already been decided on.

IV. REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS, & OTHER BUSINESS

A. REPORTS

1. OPERATIONS, AIRCRAFT COMPLAINT & FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2016

The Operations and Noise Complaint Reports for November and December 2016 were discussed by Mr. Rick McElroy, Manager of Airport Services. In the month of November, the FAA recorded 15,069 total operations, a decrease of 2,903 from last year. The Airport Operations Department reported 6,565 landings which were up in all categories. Touch and go operations for November were higher than last year. A total of 2,088 operations reported. Passenger count was lower with 880 reported, a decrease of 516 from last year. A total of 473 based aircraft were reported.

In December 2016, the FAA recorded 15,106 total operations, an increase of 186 from the previous year. The Airport Operations Department reported 5,251 landings, with a decrease in single engine, turboprop and helicopter categories. Touch and go's were higher in all categories except turboprop operations. Passenger totals were 882, slightly lower than the previous year.

There were a total of four noise complaints registered in November, a decrease from last year; two reported during the day and two unknowns. Jet aircraft attributed to two of the four complaints reported, two complaints called in from the northwest quadrant. One was from based

aircraft, one transient and two unknown.

Joan Donnison of Bay Civic Association asked: Do we know if the change in runway use at JFK will affect this area?

Chairman Nocerino responded: There are copies of a noise complaint form for JFK with a phone number, provided by Stella.

Dennis McCormick, Maintenance Manager of Republic Airport:

Depending on the weather conditions during that time of day, it is hard to say.

There were four noise complaints registered in December, a decrease from the previous year. Two at daytime and one at night. Three were from jet aircraft, 1 from the northwest quadrant, one from the north and two from the south. One was a based aircraft, two were attributed to transient aircraft.

Mr. Gary Barnable discussed the Financial Reports for the months of November and December 2016. In November, Revenues were higher than budgeted. Landing fees and fuel flowage fees, rent and site charges were higher than anticipated. Miscellaneous income was higher due to a film shoot on site. Expenses overall including employee expenses, vehicle maintenance, airport maintenance and data processing were all lower than budgeted. The highest savings overall for the month came from airport maintenance.

In December, revenues were slightly higher than budgeted. Landings and fuel flowage fees and rental income were higher than anticipated. License fees, tie down fees and utility sales were lower than budgeted. Expenses were higher than budgeted mainly due to joint sealing work which was not budgeted for December.

Commissioner Richard Grant asked: Do we have any movie shoots coming up?

John Lauth, Assistant Airport Manager: There is one scheduled for March. It is usually a hit and miss, short notice.

2. RECENT/CURRENT EVENTS

January 24th the airport held the annual emergency review table top exercise.

January 25th the airport held the key tenant meeting.

Next Wednesday the NYS Parks Department will be holding the first of many Air Show pre-meetings. The US Airforce Thunderbirds will be based at McArthur Airport this year.

B. OTHER NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BUSINESS

1. Breslau Modernization and Redevelopment Update: Structural analysis is still being preformed for the hangars.
2. Northeastern FBO Application: The application is still under review with NYSDOT legal department. No approval of FBO status has been issued. They are planning to build a new hangar which will require a Tenant Alteration Application.
3. Request For Proposals (RFP) by Empire State Development (ESD) for the long term lease of Five Development Parcels: Previously discussed.
4. Sheltair Development in the Breslau Area: Sheltair met with the Working Group and presented an overview of the project. Commissioner Barbera (who is also the Working Group Chairperson) thanked Sheltair for the time and effort put in to explain the plans that evening. All parties present were satisfied with the information provided.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Two (2) individuals commented.

Mr. Nocerino adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by:

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

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Kristi Reynolds, representative for NYS Assemblywoman Kimberly Jean-Pierre's office. She is currently in Albany. Her office is always open to the public. She will bring all concerns to her.

Ms. Helen Norjen asked that a press release be sent to ensure that the community and all interested parties are well informed.

Commissioner Barbera added that there will be a LIRAHS meeting this Saturday at 9:30 am

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