

MINUTES
REPUBLIC AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 2019

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

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Nocerino announced that Interim Airport Director Gary Barnable is retiring and that this would be his last RAC Meeting. Mr. Barnable thanked the Commission and everyone in attendance for caring about the Airport.

II. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

A quorum was not present therefore the minutes for December 2018 were not adopted.

III. CHANGES AND/OR ADOPTION OF AGENDA

No changes.

IV. REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS, & OTHER BUSINESS

A. REPORTS

1. OPERATIONS, AIRCRAFT COMPLAINT, & FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2018

Mr. John Lauth, Assistant Airport Manager, spoke on behalf of Airport Manager Rick McElroy, who was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Lauth discussed the Operations and Noise Complaint Reports for November and December 2018. In the month of November, the FAA reported 14,101 total operations, compared to 17,866 in 2017. The Airport Operations Department reported 5,232 landings. Touch and go operations for November were 1,776, a decrease of 276 from the previous year. Passenger numbers were higher with 1,031 being reported, an increase of 78 from the previous year. There were 413 based aircraft in September, a decrease of 30 from 2017.

In December 2018, the FAA reported 14,858 total operations, compared to 15,360 from 2017. The Airport Operations Department reported 5,477 landings. There were 2,020 Touch and Go operations for December, an increase of 86 from the previous year. Passenger numbers were reported as 961, a decrease of 49 from the previous year. There were 413 based aircraft in December, a decrease of 30 from 2017.

There were 29 total noise complaints registered in November 2018 compared to 21 last year. Twenty-four complaints related to daytime operations, 4 for night, and 1 was unknown. Seventeen complaints were attributed to multi/single engine aircraft, 4 were from jet aircraft, 2 from helicopters, and 6 were from an unknown aircraft type. Residents in the northwest sector of the Airport reported 25 of the total noise complaints, while 3 came from the southeast, and 1 from the southwest. Sixteen of the total complaints were identified as Touch and Go operations on Runway 32, six could not be identified by runway, 4 complaints were from departures on Runway 32, two were from arrivals on Runway 01, and one complaint was from an arrival on Runway 32. Thirteen complaints were attributed to transient aircraft, 10 from based aircraft, and 6 were unknown.

There were 21 noise complaints registered in December 2018, compared to 33 in the previous year. Eighteen of the complaints related to daytime operations, one to night, and 2 were unknown. Seventeen complaints were attributed to multi/single engine aircraft, 1 was from jet aircraft, and 3 were from an unknown aircraft type. Residents in the northwest sector of the Airport reported all 21 of the noise complaints in December. Sixteen of the total complaints were identified as Touch and Go operations on Runway 32, three complaints were from departures on Runway 32, and 2 complaints could not be identified by runway. Ten complaints were attributed to transient aircraft, 8 from based aircraft, and 3 were unknown.

Commission Member Joan Flaumenbaum thanked Mr. Lauth for providing a comprehensive breakdown of the Touch and Go numbers in the Operations Reports.

The Financial Reports for November and December 2018 were discussed by Mr. Gary Barnable, Interim Airport Director. For November, the total Revenue was

\$88,122.10 above the budgeted amount. The largest variance in amount of revenue was from Miscellaneous Income, which was \$75,808.57 over the projected budget, generated mostly from film shoots. The Airport received a little over \$43,000 from a TV show called "The Code", approximately \$26,500 from "Manifest", and a little over \$10,500 from "Billions". Rental income had a favorable variance of \$16,672.14 due to rent adjustments for leases at Molloy College and Edgewood Industries, our mulch supplier. Total Expenses for November were \$91,510.96 more than budgeted. The largest expense was from Labor, due to a 5-week payroll billing cycle. Mr. Barnable reported that the next budget will factor in fluctuations from the 4-week and 5-week payroll billing cycles, so that it reflects the actual Labor Expense each month. The next large overrun was from Airport Maintenance due to the upgrade of the Airfield Lighting and Control System (ALCS) that was budgeted for September, but the cost was incurred in November. Similarly, a portion of the fence line on Route 109 was replaced in November utilizing monies allocated in a different month.

Mr. Barnable reported that the Total Revenue for December was \$11,489.03 below the projected budget. All revenue categories were negative except for License Fees and Utilities Sales. Total Expenses for December were \$81,916.31 under budget. Labor Expense had a favorable balance due to a 4-week payroll billing cycle and accounted for \$69,585.08 of the under-budget amount. Other large positive variances were from Airport Maintenance for fence repair, Data Processing because the expense was incurred in November instead of December, and Professional Services due to savings on the Security System maintenance contract.

Commission Member Joan Flaumenbaum asked for an explanation of "Penalties", listed under December's Miscellaneous Income. Mr. Barnable stated that "Penalties" were late fees charged for late payments on monies owed to the Airport.

2. RECENT/CURRENT EVENTS

Mr. Barnable mentioned that the Airport's new snowblower arrived from the manufacturer. Airport personnel underwent training in January and are ready to use it.

Mr. Lauth commented that there was a recent meeting about the 2019 Bethpage Air

Show, scheduled for Memorial Day weekend. The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds will be appearing in the Show but will be operating out of Islip/MacArthur Airport. The rest of the Air Show participants will be operating out of Republic Airport.

B. OTHER NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BUSINESS

1. Runway 1-19 Safety Area Improvements: Mr. Barnable said that work is on-going and getting back into full-swing with the design. The Technical Memorandum was finished and was given back to the FAA to work on.
2. Northeastern Aviation FBO Application: No changes.
3. Five Parcels Development: Mr. Barnable said the draft EA (Environmental Assessment) and the ALP (Airport Layout Plan) pen & ink changes were submitted to FAA for comments some time ago, but the government shut-down may have caused a delay. Once FAA's comments are received, NYSDOT will address them and respond to FAA. The information will then go out for public review and a public meeting will be scheduled.

Chairman Nocerino thanked Commission Member Stella Barbera and members of the Working Group for holding a meeting on January 23, 2019 to create a list of the Civic groups' questions and concerns about the five-parcel development. Chairman Nocerino said he was still reviewing the questions which would be a part of his meeting with NYSDOT Acting Commissioner Paul A. Karas in the near future.

4. Sheltair Development in Breslau Area: Mr. Barnable stated that Sheltair received a CO (Certificate of Occupancy) for 2 of the new hangars. Sheltair will ask for a CO for the third hangar once its construction is finished.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

One (1) individual commented.

Chairman Nocerino adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m. The motion carried unanimously. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by:
Gary Barnable on behalf of Executive Secretary
Republic Airport Commission

**PUBLIC COMMENTS
REPUBLIC AIRPORT COMMISSION
DECEMBER 17, 2018**

Ms. Nancy Schliwka, of the Woodland Civic Association, asked Mr. Barnable to repeat what he said about the draft EA and the pending changes for the 5-parcel development. Mr. Barnable stated the draft EA and pen & ink changes were submitted to FAA for comments and their response is still pending. It was hoped that FAA would have provided their comments sooner, but the government shutdown may have caused a delay for some of the groups that would be reviewing it. At this time, there is no date for when we will receive FAA's comments. When we get the schedule, we will let everybody know. We will address all FAA comments and get it back to them, and then it will go for public review.

Ms. Schliwka asked if there was any news about switching over to an EIS (Environmental Impact Statement). Mr. Barnable answered there was not.

Ms. Schliwka commented that the public meeting should be well-publicized and convenient for everyone to attend.

Chairman Nocerino agreed and said the contract has not been signed yet. He said he wants to make sure the contract includes certain items that were asked for, especially "no commercial service" which had been promised. Chairman Nocerino added that he planned to meet with Senator Brooks prior to meeting with the Acting Commissioner to see if the Senator has any issues he wants addressed, and to find out if he wants to sit in on the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23pm

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