

MINUTES
REPUBLIC AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETING
APRIL 12, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Nocerino at 7:11 p.m. Also present were Republic Airport Commission Members Vincent Bologna, Jr., Robert W. Bodenmiller, Richard Grant, Stella Barbera and Joan Flaumenbaum.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Interim Airport Director, Gary Barnable, requested a moment of silence for the passing of Lou Howard and Leroy Douglas.

Commissioner Nocerino announced that due to the operating contract at Republic Airport being awarded to AFCO/AvPorts Management, LLC as of April 1, 2016, Shelley LaRose-Arken is no longer the Airport Manger. Her contributions were many and she will be missed. Commissioner Nocerino introduced the new Airport Manager, Robert Yurraspe. Mr. Yurraspe has been employed at Republic Airport since 2011 as Airport Facilities Manager.

Commissioner Nocerino announced he would like to give a brief synopsis before we begin the formal meeting in order to bring everyone up to date on their concerns. He has spoken with Ron Epstein, Assistant Commissioner of Policy & Planning/CFO for NYSDOT prior to the meeting this evening. Mr. Epstein expressed that there has been no change and nothing new has transpired to report on.

The proposals for the RFP for the long-term lease of Five Development Parcels with ideas and suggestions are to be submitted by Friday, April 15th.

Current construction design for the Sheltair developments in the Breslau area is still under review. No plans have received to date. Commissioner Nocerino added that a lot of the public information has been hearsay and when this Commission receives any substantial information we will provide it immediately. Commissioner Nocerino mentioned that Ron Epstein commented the Governor has shifted his focus from Republic Airport to other matters of interest.

Alyssa Taft from Sweet Hollow Civic Association commented that the community voiced their concerns about the issues going back to April 30th of last year. Commissioner Nocerino acknowledged and thanked the civic organizations and community for voicing their legitimate concerns and turning this matter around in one year. Commissioner Nocerino requested that if any information is received from the civic organizations and the community, please contact him so it can be addressed promptly.

II. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

The minutes from December 2015 and February 2016 were adopted.

III. CHANGES AND/OR ADOPTION OF AGENDA

No changes were made to the agenda.

IV. REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS, & OTHER BUSINESS

A. REPORTS

1. OPERATIONS, AIRCRAFT COMPLAINT & FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2016

The Operations and Noise Complaint Reports for January and February 2016 were discussed by Robert Yturraspe, Airport Manager. In the month of January, the FAA recorded 16,536 total operations, an increase from the previous year. The Airport Operations Department reported 5,385 landings which were higher in all categories. Touch and go operations increased from the prior year with a total of 1,886 reported. Passenger counts were higher from the previous year with 1,197 reported. There were 451 based aircraft reported in January, which is lower than last year.

In February 2016, the FAA recorded 14,925 total operations, an increase from the previous year. The Airport Operations Department reported 4,823 landings, an increase in all categories except helicopter operations. Touch & go's were higher with 1,590 reported. Passenger flights to

Atlantic City increased from the previous year. There were 455 based aircraft in February, an increase from December but lower than reported this time last year.

There were three noise complaints reported in January, with one reported in daytime hours and two unknown. Two of the three complaints reported were from the Northwest quadrant. In February, four complaints were reported from the north quadrant area of the airport. One was a based aircraft during daytime hours.

Mr. Barnable discussed the Financial Reports for the months of January and February 2016. In January, landing fees were up as a result of more activity. License fees were higher due to Customs services at the Main Terminal and the increase in Atlantic City flights. Rental income was lower in January since the concession rent check from the hotel did not come in that month. Tiedowns were lower due to vacancies on the Echo ramp. Expenses were higher due to purchase of custodial supplies and Insurance premium payment schedule change.

For the month of February, landing fees and license fees were higher. Fuel fees were higher. Rental fees were higher due to receiving hotel concession fee in February instead of January in the amount of \$116,940.00. Tiedowns were lower due to vacant spots on Echo. Labor expenses were lower due to a vacant staff position.

2. RECENT/CURRENT EVENTS

On Sunday, April 17, 2016, the Long Island Air Force Association is presenting the 50th Vietnam Anniversary Commemorative Medal Ceremony, hosted by the American Airpower Museum at 11:00 a.m.

Tomorrow night the airport will be hosting the annual Aircraft Owner and Operator Meeting at 6:30p.m. in the Main Terminal Lobby.

On May 28th and 29th, Bethpage Federal Credit Union will host the annual Memorial Day Air Show at Jones Beach. The U.S. Navy Blue Angels will be headlining this year and parked at the Main Terminal ramp. Two other

high-performance jet teams will be at Sheltair; Brietling Jet team and the Canadian Snow Birds will be performing along with several other acts.

B. OTHER NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BUSINESS

1. Breslau Modernization and Redevelopment Update: The SEQRA Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/ NEPA Environmental Assessment (EA) hearing is complete. Commissioner Nocerino reported that there has been nothing new to report.
2. Northeastern FBO application is still in the paperwork stages.
3. The Governor's Initiative to Modernize NY Airports and the RFP were previously discussed. Anyone interested in obtaining a copy of the RFP, it can be found on the Empire State Development website at www.esd.ny.gov. Deadline for submission is April 15th.
4. Governor's RFI to enhance economic activity at FRG and SWF were previously discussed.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

One (1) individual commented.

Chairman Nocerino adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously. The next Meeting is June 7th at 7:00 p.m.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT
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Ms. Helen Norjen of Woodland Civic Association acknowledged with deep sympathy the passing of Lou Howard and Roy Douglas. She has known Lou over sixty years and Roy close to thirty years. They are a huge loss to our community as well.

Ms. Norjen announced that Bill McShane of Sheltair Aviation took the time to meet with many of the local civic agencies to answer their question and that Mr. McShane assured them that nothing has changed from their original concept. Ms. Norjen presented an article from Newsday that misstated several items and asked that Newsday retract their mistake.

Ms. Norjen read another Newsday Article dated February 2016 that stated Start Up New York is handling development at Republic Airport. Ms. Norjen inquired if this pertained to the five parcels as indicated in the RFP or is this pertaining to all development at Republic Airport. Ms. Norjen stated her concern relates to the MTA transfer legislation in 1982 assigning NYSDOT to ownership of Republic Airport. She inquired if some of NYSDOTs authority has been given over to Empire State Development. The transfer legislation created this Commission and the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) program wherein the community lost a great deal of revenue. This is not a fair deal for current businesses owners and the communities on Long Island. She asked the Commissioners to write the Governor to inquire about clarification on the development projects. She added that moving from NYSDOT to Empire State Development is disconcerting and there has been no process in this effect. Commissioner Nocerino replied that he will contact Ron Epstein about this concern.

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