



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

**AVIATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FORT LAUDERDALE EXECUTIVE AIRPORT
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE – MULTIPURPOSE ROOM
6000 NW 21 AVENUE, FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA
THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2019 – 1:30 P.M.**

	Attendance	Cumulative Attendance 7/18 through 6/19	
		Present	Absent
Ed Kwoka, Chair	P	7	3
Edward Rebholz, Vice Chair	P	10	0
Louis Gavin	A	5	5
John Dool	P	8	0
Dana Pollitt	A	5	5
Wes Szymonik	A	4	1
Pierre Taschereau	P	6	0
John Watt	P	10	0
Commissioner Marlon Bolton, City of Tamarac [non-voting]	P	6	4
Jeff Helyer, City of Oakland Park [non-voting]	P	10	0

Airport Staff

Rufus A. James, Airport Manager
Carlton Harrison, Assistant Airport Manager
Fernando Blanco, Airport Engineer/Project Manager II
Florence Straugh, Noise Abatement Officer
Mickaelle Bouchereau, Administrative Assistant
Marie Cine, Administrative Assistant
Taneil Mack, Airport Operations Specialist
Rayanne Morton, Intern
Julian Parish, Intern
Tatiana Guerrier, Recording Secretary, Prototype, Inc.

Guests

Craig Grillo, Sesco Lighting

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kwoka called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Roll was called, and a quorum was determined to be present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **May 23, 2019**

Motion made by Vice Chair Rebholz, seconded by Mr. Dool, to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2019, minutes as presented. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

VOTING ITEMS

1. Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport Decorative Street Post – Project 12437 – Contract Award – Sagaris Corp.

Mr. Blanco reported that FXE staff had reviewed prior projects that used a similar type of decorative street post and found the unit pricing for the proposed pole installation and signage to be in line with several other decorative street post projects that the City has completed in the past few years.

Mr. Blanco described the construction of the posts and showed images on the screen. Sagaris has proposed replacing the FXE name and logo with a silk-screen panel that could be slid into the bracket assembly, similar to the street name sign. A change order for \$38,540 would be issued to adjust the unit price of these items after the contract has been awarded and prior to production.

Staff recommends award of the contract to the low responsive bidder, Sagaris Corp., of Coral Springs, FL, in the amount of \$360,010 for the FXE Decorative Street Post project.

As a matter of clarification, Mr. Blanco advised that once the contract is executed for the original amount, the change order will be posted to reduce the amount of the contract.

Craig Grillo, Sesco Lighting, stated that the composition of the sign will not affect its longevity or durability. He said that part of the proposed sign panel for the FXE logo had to be hand painted because of the various colors. The new process that allows the panel to be slid into the sign bracket simplifies the design and makes it possible to replace the panel if it fades or needs to be changed in some way, rather than replacing the whole sign bracket.

Chair Kwoka asked if there could be additional savings to the cost. Mr. Grillo said there is nothing else pertaining to the sign itself, but they could change the composition or design of the pole. He added that the signs proposed now would have the same durability in a hurricane as the ones previously proposed.

Mr. Grillo explained that the prototype wooden sign was just for display; the actual signs would be aluminum.

Mr. Watt pointed out that the 40 signs for Flagler Village cost \$100,000 less than the 41 signs for the Airport. Mr. Grillo explained those signs were made three years ago and there have been tariff increases. Also, the Airport signs are tri-color, while the Flagler signs were two colors. Having the signs double-sided also adds to the expense.

To provide visibility from the street, 3M reflective paint will be used and the letters could be made larger if desired.

Chair Kwoka stated that he will vote in accordance with what he believed the tenants would want. He personally thought it was not a necessity.

Motion made by Mr. Watt, seconded by Vice Chair Rebholz, to approve the contract award. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

UPDATE ITEMS

A. Noise Compatibility Program

Ms. Straugh reminded the Board of the usefulness of the Airport's website in dealing with residents. The site includes a flight-tracking service (WebTrak) which provides online flight tracking service with public access to view aircraft tracks, altitudes, and noise levels. There is also an online reporting form for excessively loud aircraft and a noise exposure map (NEM) showing the FAA approved noise contours for the Airport. All the past NEM are overlaid on WebTrak. Ms. Straugh added that the website includes FAA Noise Compatibility program measures. Projections of the website were presented on the conference room screen.

Ms. Straugh said some of the older jets are unable to make the desired tight turn over I-95, but most had been banned from the United States.

Chair Kwoka asked if there were many complaints about Broward Sheriff's Office operations outside of the Airport perimeter, and Ms. Straugh said there are some complaints about night-time flights over residential areas.

Ms. Straugh mentioned that she will send out one page that was omitted from her report – the last page of the percentage of jets per runway.

Discussion ensued about the loudness of jets, with Chair Kwoka attributing it to the jets getting higher sooner, and Mr. Watt believing that the low landings coming out of the west were to blame. Ms. Straugh mentioned that Stage One and Two jets were banned at the end of 2015.

Chair Kwoka suggested that the older radial piston planes still generate a fair amount of noise complaints. Mr. James said they do not operate much at night, and about three

times during the day. Ms. Straugh added that they are seeing Air Tractors now (used for agricultural spraying) that take off early in the morning.

Mr. Dool mentioned he hears long durations of jet engine noise from where he lives as well as frequent air traffic.

B. Development and Construction

Mr. Harrison reported on the electrical vault improvements:

- Replacement of existing constant current regulator (CCR) units with new CCR Units
- 500 square foot addition to the existing vault
- Low voltage cabling into separate raceways
- Installation of lightning protection system

Work will be performed by American Infrastructure Services, Inc., (AIS) with an anticipated completion date of September 2019. The approximately \$1.1M project is 80% funded by a grant from the Florida Department of Transportation. To date, the exterior masonry walls have been constructed, and the hollow-core roof has been installed. Work is progressing with the roof, exterior stucco, paint, and installation of the cable trays for the electrical conduits.

Chair Kwoka pointed out there have been a series of blown tires and wanted to make sure everything was working properly. Mr. Harrison said they checked everything, and they walked the airfield with FDOT within the last month.

Chair Kwoka asked if they could query those planes as to where they are coming from – perhaps they are picking something up from the airports they departed from. Mr. Harrison said they will add the information to their Incident Report. He said the FAA has not paid any special attention to the incidents.

C. Arrearages

Mr. James reported an arrearage for Cypress Commerce for property tax. A default letter has been sent; the next step is termination of the lease.

D. Communications to the City Commission – None

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE: THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2019 – 1:30 P.M.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

Any written public comments made 48 hours prior to the meeting regarding items discussed during the proceedings have been attached hereto.

[Minutes prepared by J. Rubin, Prototype, Inc.]

Attachments:

Images of decorative posts/signs– Fernando Blanco