

## 5AC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 15, 2020

The meeting was called to order by 5AC Chairman, Mac McElroy. (ZOOM Meeting)

Guests:        John Donlevy, City Manager  
                  Alice Dowdin-Calvillo, City Councilwoman & Liaison to the Airport  
                  John Rogers, AFD Battalion Chief  
                  Mark Bateson, AOPA Airport Support Network Volunteer

### **WORK LIST UPDATE**

#### **Noise abatement:**

- Noise abatement procedures were submitted to the FAA with an expected publish date of 11/05/20. No comment from the FAA to date, none expected.
- Brochure with graphic artist. First draft reviewed and 2nd draft expected 10/16/20 for final review. The brochure was reorganized to emphasize its primary purpose as a Pilot Guide to Noise Abatement.
- AWOS tag line will be re-recorded with the new language on 11/05/20.
- Pilot information sources, i.e. ForeFlight, AOPA, etc. will be inspected soon after 11/05/20 to ensure the new language is being reported correctly.
- Signage recommendation was submitted to the city recommending new language for existing signs, one sign to be relocated and two added at the payment kiosk located at the fuel dump.

#### **Children/Dogs and Fencing:**

This project is moving forward with the first phase ready to be presented to those that will be directly impacted. The AM is scheduling that meeting with the lessee of the land and the lessee of the building. More details regarding this first phase will be released by the AM when that meeting has concluded.

#### **Timers:**

The old timers have been replaced with a new astrological timer that is tied to the internet. It pulls down current sunset/sunrise information and automatically adjusts itself to turn on the runway/taxiway lighting system at the appropriate time. Thank you BC Rogers for the update.

#### **Pilots Lounge:**

This project was initiated by the AM as a long term effort (~1 year) to improve the airport's "welcome mat". He requested airport users come up with a wish list of things they'd like to see in their Pilots Lounge and some ideas on layout.

Progress to date:

- WiFi - new high speed router was installed in the equipment room. The password is on the wall adjacent to the computer.
- Computer/Printer - the unit was serviced by the City's IT department and the computer loaded with Windows 10. Everything is in good working order.
- Water - bottled water service will resume shortly
- Layout - Steve Kendall measured the room, all of its doors and windows and dropped it into a software program that provides a floor plan that can be used to draft ideas for furniture layouts. It also provides a 3D view. Thank you Steve!
- Wish List - please let the 5AC Chair know of anything you'd like to see on the wish list. 5AC will forward the layout and wish list to the AM later in the year.
- Additional Enhancements - the room will receive new flooring and be painted.

During the meeting, Aaron Burns spoke up about approaching Winchester to sponsor the purchase of the furniture needed for the pilot's lounge.

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**Thank you to Aaron & Heather Burns!**

Since the meeting, Aaron and his wife Heather have decided to take on the acquisition of the furniture personally! In addition, Heather owns a home staging business and has agreed to be the interior designer. This is fantastic news! Our lounge may become known as the Burn's Lounge or Heather's Place! Stay tuned!

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**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Helipad Stakeholder Meeting:**

A stakeholder meeting for the new Helipad(s) is tentatively scheduled for October 22. It will be mostly virtual, but a limited number of people will be able to join the meeting physically in the Barnstormer's room. More information will be disseminated soon.

**AOPA Airport Support Network:**

Mark Bateson is the new Auburn AOPA Airport Support Network (ASN) liaison. The AOPA ASN is a group of volunteers dedicated to promoting and protecting community airports. The program's goal is to have an ASN volunteer liaison at every public-use airport in the country to serve as an "early warning system" for local airport issues.

Mark lives in Roseville, earned his PPL through Sunshine Flyers, and owns a C-172 that's on the east end ramp. You may have seen him from time-to-time at the airport over the last 20 years on his motorcycle or shooting photos. I've seen a guy on a motorcycle in full riding gear coming out to the airport for as long as I've been at the

east end, but never had the opportunity to meet him. I'm very glad to associate a name and face with that person today! Congrats on your new position and welcome Mark!

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**Smoke and our Visibility Sensor**

Back in September, shortly after our AWOS equipment received it's annual inspection and sign off from the FAA, Steve Kendall approached me about a discrepancy he was observing in the AWOS visibility distance. It was being reported as much longer than actual. It started a 4-5 week long review of our equipment with AWI, the manufacturer, myself and Steve. Long story short, our visibility sensor doesn't have the ability to pick-up a smoke particle the size of what's passing through our sensor and as a result, we are in fact getting visibility distance readings on heavy smoke days that are longer than actual.

The airport is going to start adding a very short tag line to the AWOS that reads, "Caution, smoke is creating AWOS visibility distance to be stated as longer than actual."

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**Thank you to our Local EAA Chapter 526!**

During the discussion on our visibility sensor, Steve mentioned that the EAA Board had approved the expenditure to purchase a new video camera. It will have a focal length that will help supplement and confirm what pilots are getting from AWOS as visibility. The EAA plans to make access to the camera public. Airport webcams are available across the U.S. and now KAUN will have its own. It should be up and running in the next several weeks. We'll make an announcement when that happens. Links to the camera will be available on the EAA, AAA and City websites.

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**OPEN DISCUSSION**

**New Website Layout**

BC Rogers pointed out that the City's airport website has been reconfigured. Noise Abatement, Safety, Services, Tie Downs and the Airport Master Plan can all be easily found there now. Good Stuff!!