

AUBURN AVIATION ASSOCIATION
AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION (5AC)
MEETING MINUTES - NOVEMBER 29th, 2021

5AC Chairman, Ken Dwelle, called the meeting to order and introduced Jonathan Wright, Economic and Planning Manager for the City of Auburn.

Jonathan gave an update of the two previous Stakeholder Meetings. He explained that the goals were to understand the needs of the airport community and deal with airport leases as an independent issue. A goal is to standardize and establish transparency for the leases. A separate company will be doing an evaluation of rates charged to lessees - to be completed in early 2022. Specific details will be published as soon as available. Jonathan explained how the monies are disbursed from the Airport Fund for the study.

Parking for the Highway Patrol Helicopters - larger parking areas are being reviewed - scheduled for early summer start time for development.

The ALP (Airport Layout Plan) is on the City's website.

In determining the ranking of the issues that are of most concern to the stakeholders, aircraft parking was number one and vehicle parking was second. Other items of concern include the resolution of the Bill Clarke Hangar and an on-site Airport Manager accountable to the City and stakeholders. Johnathan will make a draft strategy for the airport based on the results of the stakeholders meetings suggesting possible actions and solutions to the issues. There is now a notice on site at the Barnstormer Door with contact info relative to airport operations. Also, the City has an "on-demand" bus service available to airport users - info posted on site - download the app to use.

Concern was shared that Jonathan may become burdened with other City issues. He explained that Amber, Ext. 191, at the City of Auburn will be the new contact/liaison person to direct calls to the appropriate person for action regarding airport concerns/complaints.

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In summarizing, Ken reiterated that aircraft tie-down availability is a main concern. When arriving, transient aircraft frequently have problems where to park their aircraft. Jonathan agreed to visit the airport on the weekend to observe the problem. More signage and striping is needed to help visiting pilots.

The ALP is currently under review by the City for possible updates and airport development. Paving and runway development/extension are both items under review. Sewer installation for the east end was discussed - nothing is planned at present.

Runway end identifier lights were discussed. Current lights are adequate but additional lights would be beneficial. Jonathan requested that someone send him an email making the request so he can proceed with requesting more runway lighting - i.e., funding.

Jonathan will provide progress reports on items discussed with the help of stakeholders participation/inputs.

With no more business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanie Mooneyham, Secretary
Auburn Aviation Association