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LOS ANGELES COUNTY AVIATION COMMISSION

March 22, 2017, Meeting
General WM. J. Fox Airfield
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MEMBER

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MEMBER

GABRIEL PEREZ
MEMBER

STEVE A. WEEKS
MEMBER

IN ATTENDANCE

Secretary Clinton Simmons
Commissioner Peter Amundson
Commissioner Harvey A. Holloway
Commissioner Dennis C. Lord
Commissioner Steve A. Weeks

OFFICIALLY EXCUSED

Commissioner Penelope Cornwall
Commissioner Gabriel Perez

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS STAFF

Mr. Richard Smith, Aviation Division Chief
Mrs. Claudia Delgado, Staff Assistant

AMERICAN AIRPORTS CORPORATION - AIRPORT SERVICES STAFF

Mr. Scott Wardle, Regional Director
Mr. Carlos Diaz, Manager Compton/Woodley Airport
Mr. Steve Irving, Manager, General William J. Fox Airfield
Mr. Andrew Marino, Manager, Whiteman Airport

GUEST

John Fergione, Los Angeles County Air Show
Rhonda Perez, Los Angeles County Air Show

CALL TO ORDER

Secretary Simmons called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Secretary Simmons led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION BY THE COMMISSION

Secretary Simmons informed the Commission and the audience that the first annual Compton/Woodley Airport Open House was a success. He also informed the Commission that Tomorrow's Aeronautical Museum was not available for attendees to visit since the museum was closed on the day of the event.

Secretary Simmons shared that, through the City of Compton Mayor's office, he had responded to a letter that Tomorrow's Aeronautical Museum Director had sent to the U. S. Navy personnel. Secretary Simmons is requesting that the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works' Building and Safety Division office inspect the museum to ensure that it is compliant with current safety codes.

Secretary Simmons mentioned that the director of the museum is interested in obtaining a letter of support from the Aviation Commission. Mr. Smith informed the Commission that the director was instructed to make a formal request to the Commission in order to obtain a letter of support. Mr. Smith added that the Tomorrow's Aeronautical Museum is currently on a month-to-month lease, and that the current lease does not specify the days or hours of operation the museum must uphold.

Commissioner Lord mentioned that the air show at Compton Airport was a success, and children who attended the event participated in 52 plane rides provided by the Experimental Aircraft Association. In addition, the California Black Aviation Association also assisted in providing plane rides.

Secretary Simmons thanked Carlos Diaz and airport staff for their full cooperation and making themselves available to assist with the event.

Mr. Smith mentioned to Secretary Simmons that the certificates and letters of appreciation for contributions are ready for Secretary Simmon's signature.

A. Minutes

Approval of the minutes for February 22, 2017, meeting was deferred for the next Commission meeting for lack of a quorum.

B. American Airports Corporation - Contract Manager Report

Mr. Scott Wardle – Brief summary regarding the five County airports

Mr. Wardle informed the Commission that all airport managers provided a handout summary of their reports in lieu of verbal reports.

At San Gabriel Valley Airport, commercial grade equipment was purchased to address a concern that Commissioner Amundson brought up regarding the unfinished trimming of hedges on Riverview Avenue. Mr. Wardle informed the Commission that airport staff is currently working on finalizing the improvements to the hedge.

C. County Aviation Division Report – Mr. Richard Smith Reported on the Following Items:

January 2017 Expense and Revenue Report

Mr. Smith provided the Commission with copies of the February 2017 Expense and Revenue Report.

D. Steve Irving reported on General William J. Fox Airfield Operations Report

Mr. Irving informed the Commission that the runway was reopened to full length and the restriping is complete.

The landscaping in front of the terminal building and behind the terminal building is complete. Mr. Irving thanked Mr. Smith for the funding to complete the landscaping.

Soil stabilization was done to the following areas: the main entrance to the air show, the chalet areas, and close to the runways where the aircrafts will be parked.

The parking lot was also redone and is ready for the air show.

Mr. Irving informed the Commission that meetings regarding the air show are continuously taking place and is pleased to inform that everything is running as scheduled.

Commissioner Weeks inquired on the total expense for the air show improvements to the airport. Mr. Smith informed that it is approximately \$75,000. Commissioner Holloway reminded everyone that airport improvements in preparation to the air show are long-term improvements to benefit the airport. Commissioner Amundson shared with everyone that he is pleased with the outcome of the air show and the evident improvements compared to the first air shows.

E. John Fergione – Presentation on the Los Angeles County Air Show

Mr. John Fergione, Director of the Los Angeles County Air Show, shared a presentation on what the air show at General William J. Fox Airfield will include and talked about unique entertainments that will be offered this year for a fee and the largest STEAM display which will be available to attendees.

Commissioner Amundson and Commissioner Weeks inquired on the improvements and County contribution that took place in preparation for the air show. Mr. Smith informed the Commission that having the air show at the airport and opening the doors to over 100,000 attendees allows sufficient justification for the improvements that take place at the airport. Mr. Fergione expressed his appreciation with the cooperation received from Mr. Smith and American Airports Corporation staff and the positive improvements in comparison to previous years.

The presentation highlighted the various exhibits, location of chalets, and the accessibilities offered to the airport tenants.

Mrs. Rhonda Perez, President of the Los Angeles County Air Show, thanked Mr. Smith and Mr. Irving for their extended support to the air show.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT – OPEN FORUM

None.

IV. NEXT COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE ON:

**Wednesday, April 26, 2017, at 7 p.m.
at Whiteman Airport
10000 Airpark Way
Pacoima, CA 91331-7393
(818) 896-5271**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m. followed by the tour of the air show facilities and Airport Traffic Control Tower.

Respectfully submitted,

Clinton Simmons, Secretary
Los Angeles County Aviation Commission

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