

MEMORANDUM

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Martin P. Black, AICP, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: November 2, 2007

RE: Airport Updates

The following updates are provided for your general information; should you have any additional questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Issue 1: FAA Master Plan Alternatives

Airport Manager Fred Watts has been working with the MEA Group and City GIS staff to begin preparation of materials needed to support the questions raised by City Council relative to alternatives to existing safety area configurations and operations impacts. The City Attorney and I will then refine those items for presentation to FAA representatives for their consideration and response. We are attempting to secure a commitment from the FAA to have regional and local representatives attend a local forum to provide insight into their responses at the conclusion of this process. We anticipate that this effort will take several months to complete.

Issue 2: Airport Design Charrettes

In light of the City Council direction on the master plan alternatives and the already confirmed schedule of meetings for City Council and the community in late November and throughout December on the comprehensive plan, resort dwellings, and Tra Ponti, the airport design charrette will be indefinitely delayed and only re-scheduled upon City Council transmittal of a revised airport master plan, receipt of FAA notice of approval and only if City Council determines future need to move forward. Consultant work was suspended on this effort and will not be authorized until and unless City Council provides that direction at some future time.

Issue 3: Airport Lease Policies

The Airport Advisory Board and Airport Manager have been reviewing proposed changes to policies on future leases and lease negotiations. I have requested that these new procedures also include a preliminary authorization from City Council prior to staff and the City Attorney beginning any negotiations with existing or new tenants in order to avoid costly delays or staff efforts if there is not an interest by City Council in even considering the proposed uses and associated lease. Airport Advisory Board reviews are expected to occur over the next two months.

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Issue 4: Airport Budget

The Airport Budget includes \$50,000 for landscaping to improve the interface between the airport and adjoining residential areas. I have asked the Airport Advisory Board Chair and Airport Manager to make this a high priority in their work program this year.

Issue 5: Runway 4-22 Reconstruction

With the outstanding questions relating to safety area standards and the federal government's continuing delays in authorizing the current federal fiscal year budget for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), we do not expect to receive any immediate notice from the FAA regarding our grant request for the reconstruction and re-paving of runway 4-22.

cc: Charter Officers
CMO Staff
Fred Watts, Airport Manager