

**CITY OF MENDOTA HEIGHTS  
DAKOTA COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

**AIRPORT RELATIONS COMMISSION MINUTES  
January 13, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Mendota Heights Airport Relations Commission was held on Wednesday, January 13, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall, 1101 Victoria Curve, Mendota Heights, Minnesota.

The following Commissioners were present: Liz Petschel, Chair; Robin Ehrlich, Vice Chair; Joe Hennessy, Sally Lorberbaum, William Dunn, and Gretchen Keenan, Sunfish Lake.

Also present were: David McKnight, City Administrator, Jake Sedlacek, Assistant to the City Administrator.

Not Present: Lyle Odland and Dave Sloan.

**Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Lorberbaum requested the following corrections to the November 18, 2009 minutes.

- Page one, paragraph three, to replace “From Eagan:” with “The following commissioners from Eagan were present:” and delete “and Dianne Miller, Assistant to the City Administrator.”
- Paragraph four, Also Present were: delete and , add Dianne Miller (Eagan)
- Page two, Unfinished and New Business, Page two, paragraph six, correct spelling of meting to meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn, seconded by Commission Hennessy, to approve the minutes of the November18, 2009, ARC meeting as amended. It was unanimously approved.

Chair Petschel added the following items to the agenda.

- F. Long Term Comprehensive Plan
- G. Feedback from Eagan Meeting

**Unfinished and New Business**

A. Survey Ideas

Chair Petschel brought up the issue of a survey similar to the realtor survey done by Eagan. Commissioners discussed the idea of using educational institutions helping with a survey. In addition the broader topic of a city survey on multiple topics was discussed.

Possible options for conducting the survey including web sites and the city newsletter. Potential topics including types of noise impact and impacts on different locations in Mendota Heights were reviewed. A number of other related issues including city council approval were discussed. City staff will perform some initial research and bring the issue of a city survey to the city council at their goal setting session in February for their input.

#### Eagan NOC

Chair Petschel looked for feedback from the last meeting with the Eagan N.O.C. Commissioner Dunn thought it was a good meeting and thought an annual meeting was appropriate. Commissioner Lorberbaum commented on the difference in operations between the two groups.

#### B. Runway Usage

The November numbers were reviewed. Commissioners noticed a significant change in night time operations with a reversal of percentages from 12L to 12R compared to 2008. City representatives had discussions with MAC and Eagan about Mendota Heights continued stress on the importance of equitable distribution of night time flights. The possibility of runway construction was reviewed as a possible reason for the reversal.

#### C. Review of NOC Letter

Chair Petschel reviewed the questions sent to the Noise Oversight Committee. The questions posed were reviewed by Minneapolis and the answers should be provided at the January 2010 NOC Meeting.

#### D. Updates for Introduction Book

Acknowledged.

#### E. Long Term Comprehensive Plan

Chair Petschel brought up the MAC Long Term Comprehensive Plan (LTCP). She discussed the driving force behind the plan including the influence of Delta and Southwest at the airport. Commissioner Hennessy shared his insight into the Delta/Northwest merger, operation methods and the value of the MSP Airport. The fleet mix discussion took place similar to previous meetings.

The city's concern continues to be the possibility of a third parallel runway. The LTCP will be discussed at the next NOC meeting and there may be a request for action on the plan. Similar to neighboring communities, Mendota Heights has had a presentation on the LTCP, but taken no formal action. There was consensus among the group that the city needs to articulate our ongoing opposition to a third parallel runway. ARC members will continue to monitor this issue.

#### **Acknowledge Receipt of Various Reports/Correspondence**

- a. MSP Noise News
- b. October 2009 ANOM Technical Advisor’s Report
- c. November 2009 ANOM Technical Advisor’s Report
- d. October 2009 ANOM Eagan/Mendota Heights Departure Corridor Analysis
- e. November 2009 ANOM Eagan/Mendota Heights Departure Corridor Analysis
- f. October 2009 Runway 17 Departure Analysis Report
- g. November 2009 Runway 17 Departure Analysis Report
- h. Airport Noise Report, November 13, 2009
- i. Airport Noise Report, November 20, 2009
- j. Airport Noise Report, November 27, 2009
- k. Airport Noise Report, December 4, 2009
- l. Airport Noise Report, December 18, 2009
- m. Airport Noise Report, December 25, 2009
- n. Airport Noise Report, December 31, 2009

Acknowledged.

**Other Commission Comments or Concerns**

City Staff members will send copies of the transportation section of the comprehensive plan to ARC members for review.

**Upcoming Meetings**

- City Council Meeting                      1-19-10                      7:00 p.m.
- Planning Commission Meeting      1-26-10                      7:00 p.m.

**Public Comments**

None.

**Adjourn**

Commissioner Ehrlich made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dunn, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. It was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

David McKnight  
City Administrator