

**MINUTES  
AVIATION ADVISORY COMMISSION  
GLENDALE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT  
6801 N. GLEN HARBOR BLVD - SUITE 201  
GLENDALE, ARIZONA 85307  
AIRPORT CONFERENCE ROOM  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2014  
6:00 P.M.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Victoria Rogen with the following Commissioners present: Walt Chaney, Leonard Escudero, and Joe Mascaro.

Also present were Walter Fix, Airport Administrator; James Gruber, Assistant City Attorney; David Barron and Tony Cartland, both with Light Horse Legacy.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Commissioner Mascaro motioned to approve the August 13, 2014 meeting minutes with the following change on page 5: “Commissioner Terrill distributed...” amended to “Commissioner Escudero distributed...” Commissioner Escudero made the second. The motion carried 4 - 0

**III. REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE OR WITHDRAWAL OF ITEMS.**

None.

**IV. AIRPORT BUSINESS**

1. Light Horse Legacy Presentation: Mr. Barron, assisted by Mr. Cartland, provided a presentation which included the following information as well as accompanying photos:

- Community outreach
  - Light Horse Legacy (LHL) is a Peoria Az. based 501(c)3 non-profit organization.
  - Hangared at Glendale Municipal Airport, LHL is working to provide a connection with veterans and their families. LHL strives to link veteran’s needs with care providers and services for those affected by Post Traumatic Stress disorder.
  - Making appearances in public and private events, veteran gatherings and air shows allows Light Horse Legacy to speak directly with veterans and their families and to share materials provided by The West Side Veterans Center and other providers and non-profit organizations.
  - Light Horse Legacy’s UH-1 and OH-58 helicopters have been seen at Luke Days, Glendale’s Stand up for Veteran’s event, Westgate's 2013 4<sup>th</sup>

- of July, The Mesa and Phoenix televised Veterans' parades and Wildlife World Zoo's Veterans Car Show to name a few.
- Over 400,000 people have attended the events Light Horse Legacy has participated in during the past year.
  - Youth Aviation Programs
    - The United States Navy's Sea Cadets are an integral part of LHL. Working on a regular basis with LHL'S FAA licensed airframe and power plant mechanics and pilots, the cadets and other teens are taught the methods and techniques of aircraft care and maintenance.
    - West-MEC has accepted LHL work experience towards credit in some classes. Relatives and friends of veterans and volunteers are welcomed into the hangar to experience civil aviation as a hobby or career and opportunities in military aerospace fields
  - Aircraft Restoration- Flyable and Static Display
    - Light Horse Legacy is a growing yet fully operational aircraft maintenance and restoration hangar. Military-trained mechanics share their craft with volunteers who are interested in aviation and veterans who return to work on the aircraft they were so attached to. Our OH-58C Kiowa and UH-1H Huey helicopters are being returned to flyable status. A veteran Viet Nam Medivac UH-1H is being prepared for a national tour and LHL awaits the arrival of a U.S.M.C. UH-34D helicopter that saw extensive combat service in South East Asia.
  - Aircraft being Restored to Flyable Status
    - OH-58C 71-20775 – LHL's Kiowa saw service at Fort Stewart, Georgia, among other active Army and National Guard units before assignment to Fort Rucker, Alabama, the home of Army Aviation and the helicopter training center. Donated by the National Test Pilot School, the 775 honors those who served in the Middle East where these aircraft provided convoy protection. Our Pilot Scott Hurst flew this very aircraft while training at Fort Rucker. Pilot Hurst flies medical helicopters here in the valley
    - UH-1D "Huey" 62-2108- Serial number 3.108 was delivered when John F. Kennedy was President. As a member of the 11<sup>th</sup> Air Assault Division (later redesignated the 1<sup>st</sup> Air Cavalry Division), 108 helped prove the concept of the Air Cavalry. After an upgrade to an H model and years as a test and training aircraft, the 108 transferred to the National Guard in Montgomery, Alabama, Lincoln, Nebraska, and finally Long Beach California. The 108 was released from Davis-Monthan AFB in Arizona. The 108 was a fire ship in Washington State before private ownership. This Huey is an example of living history.
  - **U.S.M.C. UH-34D "DOG" 150557 Yankee lima three one**
    - Built by Sikorsky, this venerable helicopter type served in all branches of the Armed Forces. A combat veteran of Viet Nam, 557 flew with HMM 362 as YL-31. The Ugly Angels saw some of the heaviest combat and the records show many small arms hits.

- This aircraft has been an advertising prop in Apache Junction for many years. LHL is working out the details of transporting this very large helicopter to her new home at Glendale Municipal Airport.
- OH-58A 70-15569 Old School
  - This craft is on loan to Light Horse Legacy as a static display aircraft. 569 is available for display where size matters. Much smaller and easier to locate, 569 was restored to an A model Kiowa. First accepted by the Army in 1970, Old School saw service at the National Training Center Fort Irwin, California, outside Barstow and ended at Fort Rucker. Transferred to Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office 569 was purchased by LHL CEO Dave Barron in 2012. Mr. Barron served as an Air Cavalry Aero-Scout flying OH-58A's from 1972 to 1979.
- Light Horse Legacy and the Artist
  - Approached by Palm Springs artist Steve Maloney in 2013, LHL provided technical support for Mr. Maloney's "Ride Em' Copter". A contemporary art work, this endeavor used an OH-58C as a basis for the artist's vision. LHL was impressed with Mr. Maloney's quality workmanship and his down home personality.
- LHL is an Official Partner with the Department of Defense 50 Year Viet Nam Commemoration
  - LHL has committed to two events for each of the years 2015-2016-2017
- Light Horse Legacy Teams Up with a Very Good and Trusted Friend
  - And finds a remarkable aircraft in a northern Arizona scrap yard with a very tragic past and a story of heroism and courage that was totally forgotten by our nation for more than 45 years, except by the survivors and the families of those lost.
- Uh-1h 67-17174 was a Lifesaver - Flying as a Medical Evacuation Helicopter with the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division. On Valentine's Day 1969, it was Shot Down Landing to Pick Up Wounded Soldiers. The Crew Chief and Medic were Killed
  - LHL purchased the aircraft as a wreck only, intending to restore it as a canvas that Mr. Maloney would use to commemorate Viet Nam's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Little did they know that the story of that Valentine's Day had never been told. Official records showed only the generic term "no further details".
  - Through doggedly researching webpages, contacting military unit associations and FOIA requests to the Army and National Archives did LHL find the fate of Gary Dubach and Stephen Schumacher. A nation forgot because in war there are no clear records kept, units move on, families never know what happened and survivors live with it silently for the rest of their lives. A name here and an old address there was searched. Then LHL found Gary's sister Carol living in Mesa. Pictures, letters home and recollections brought LHL to the surviving crew members of that tragic day. Gary and Stephens pilot, now living in St. Louis, Missouri, has completed a circle of healing that is more than four decades overdue.
- 174 will become "*Take Me Home Huey*"

- Scheduled to be delivered to Mr. Maloney's Palm Springs studio in December, 2014, the 174 will be transformed into an interactive art piece that will embark on a nationwide tour of museums and exhibitions. Supporting activities of the project include an original song written just for this exhibit and the publication of a book capturing the effort and teamwork required to present this to the national stage. A time capsule is incorporated into the core of the aircraft for the families and survivors to place items that will forever be enshrined in the exhibit
- Holly-dale
  - A Production team from Hollywood arrived at Glendale Airport over Memorial Day during their breaks from some of prime time television's most popular shows to film the "*Take Me Home Huey*" story. A targeted short and documentary are edited and will soon be released. Enough has been filmed to commission a feature length film of these extraordinary events.
- Patriots Flight 2015
  - Filming included interviews of local veterans of Viet Nam detailing their memories of the war and the Huey helicopter on their outcomes. From this came the desire to bring some manner of closure and to make up, including the forgotten deaths of Mr. Dubach and Mr. Schumacher. Mr. Karl Rentz of American Patriot Helicopters has partnered up with LHL to deliver via Huey Helicopter a sculpture by Mr. Maloney of original pieces of 67-17174 to the Viet Nam Wall Memorial to be placed below Mr. Dubach and Mr. Schumacher's names. From there the piece will become a permanent part of the memorial. Patriot's flight will follow The Run For The Wall motorcycle trip to Texas with the only Arizona Stop at Glendale Airport in May 2015. This flight will be followed by the national press and be filmed by our original film team.
- LHL Thanks its sponsors and patron, Mayor Weiers, Mr. Fix and the Glendale Airport staff, Glendale Aero Services, Airwest Helicopters, and individuals throughout the Airport and community!
  - LHL is striving to provide service and availability of aircraft to support its mission of outreach through a combination of access to aircraft, service to the aviation community and our youth programs, the biennial patriots' flight and maintenance of a world class interactive webpage that lists services and programs throughout the world.

Commissioner Escudero commented that there is an active veterans association at Boeing in Mesa, where he works. Commissioner Escudero suggested that Mr. Barron network with his contact at Boeing.

Chair Rogen suggested a possible tie-in or static display at the Glendale Airport during Super Bowl.

Chair Rogen thanked Mr. Barron and Mr. Cartland.

2. Airport Restaurant Update: Mr. Fix announced that one submittal from the RFP was received and the lease has been tentatively awarded to Something Special Events & Catering Ltd. The lease will be officially approved at the October 14th Council meeting. The lease is for five years with options and the rent and utilities will be paid by the tenant. More details will be obtained soon in regards to specific menu and date of opening. Mr. Fix stated that the new proprietors will be operating a catering business out of the restaurant as well as serving patrons on site. The proprietors have been in the restaurant and catering business for 15 years and operate another catering business at the Scottsdale Airpark. Mr. Fix stated that this should be a very good fit for the Airport. The restaurant will be called Something Special Aviation Cafe.

Commissioner Mascaro asked about the restaurant hours. Mr. Fix explained that the restaurant may be closed once day a week and the hours and menus will be submitted soon. Mr. Fix will invite the restaurant owners the November Commission meeting to give a presentation.

3. Proposed Rates and Charges: Mr. Fix provided a proposal for revised Rates and Charges.

Mr. Fix distributed an Airport Rates and Charges survey for 2014, comparing data for airports at Chandler, Deer Valley, Falcon Field, Goodyear, Scottsdale, Marana, Buckeye and Glendale. Charges and rates reviewed included those for Tiedowns, Vehicle Access Cards, Terminal Leases, Land Leases, Transient Aircraft Overnights, Banner Tows, Labor Charges and Fuel Flowage Fees.

Changes include the following:

- Tiedowns from \$20.00 to \$23.00 a month.
- Vehicle Access Card from \$10.00 to \$15.00.
- Terminal Lease – Office/Aviation: Currently \$19.99 a square foot annually. The CPI will be discontinued until a market average is established.
- Transient Aircraft Overnight from \$3.75 to \$5.00 daily single engine, \$5.25 to \$7.00 daily multi-engine, and \$11.25 to \$15.00 daily jet.

Commissioner Chaney inquired as to how the Transient Aircraft Overnight fee was collected. Mr. Fix explained that the aircraft is tagged with an envelope for payment via credit card or check which is put in an Airport drop box for remittance.

Mr. Fix noted the next steps in the Rates and Charges process:

- Review by the Director of Public Works and the Deputy Director of Transportation, Ms. Colbath
- 30 day public comment period.
- Further review by staff and second presentation to Commission
- Council review/vote on December 23<sup>rd</sup> Council agenda

Mr. Fix stated that the goal is for the new Rates and Charges to be in effect January 1, 2015. Mr. Fix stressed that the FAA expects the Airport to be self-sustaining and in comparison, the Airport's charges and fees are below average.

**Commissioner Escudero motioned to approve the new Airport Rates and Charges as presented and to move forward with the process of approval from City Council and implementation. Commissioner Mascaro made the second. Motion carried 4 - 0.**

## **V. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

Mr. Fix reported on current airport activities:

### 1. Construction Projects/Grants

- Apron and Lighting Project:
  - One submittal was received from the RFP, which was reviewed and awarded to Combs Construction. Six groups had attended the pre-proposal conference.
  - The Notice-to-Proceed is scheduled for after the Super Bowl. The bid is good for six months.
  - The bid came in lower than estimated.
  - \$2,300,000 will be received from the FAA grant.
  - The contracts will go to Council on October 28<sup>th</sup>. There is one contract between Combs Construction and one for C & S Engineering.
- Runway Slurry Seal Project:
  - The runway was closed for eleven days.
  - The slurry seal and crack seal has been completed.
  - The minimum amount of markings has been put back on the runway. The marking subcontractor will be back on September 18<sup>th</sup> and September 19<sup>th</sup> to finish the rest of the markings.
- 5-Year ACIP
  - Mr. Fix has submitted the 5-Year ACIP to ADOT and is waiting for feedback. Once feedback is received, the ACIP will be presented to the Commission.
  - Projects in the ACIP include the continuation of the Apron Rehabilitation Project, land acquisition, vehicle parking improvements and the realignment at the Glen Harbor intersection for the left turn signal.

### 2. Budget/Expenses/Revenues:

- No report. Budget is on track.

### 3. Airport Business Activity/Economic Development

- Mr. Gruber and Mr. Fix have been working with Valley Aviation Services. Last night, Council approved the lease renewal and amendment which adds five years to the original lease. The lease is now 50 years, which is the maximum length allowed by the FAA. Valley Aviation Services will make electrical upgrades to the hangars by installing 50 amp electrical service.

The City will be responsible to maintain all asphalt between the hangars. Eventually, all of the hangars will revert to the City when the lease is up. The area covers 18 acres and is comprised of four rows of hangars, four rows of covered tie-downs and two empty rows. The rent is \$144,000 yearly for the lease and this has not been altered. Valley Aviation Services wanted to extend the lease because they want to sell the hangars and it is beneficial to have over 20 years for buyer financing. Next Wednesday, Mr. Fix will meet with the primary partner and the new sales and property manager for the hangars. It is expected that occupancy will increase in those hangars.

- Airwest Helicopters continues to move forward on the partnership with a private company from China in regards to a helicopter training program. Classroom training should begin at the first of the year and actual flight training should begin in approximately one year.
4. Land Use Planning/Zoning/Airspace Safety
    - Next week, Mr. Fix and Mr. Gruber will meet with the developer and his attorney who are looking to build residential homes on an undeveloped parcel of Camelback Ranch. Mr. Fix has worked diligently to discourage residential encroachment near the Airport.
  5. Super Bowl XLIX Planning
    - Mr. Fix continues to meet with the FAA in regards to the Super Bowl. The Prior Permission Required procedures have (PPR) has been completed and in late October, will be posted on the Airport website and the FBO website. The PPR will give pilots flying in for the Super Bowl specific timeframes for arrivals and departures. The FAA will also have a valley-wide PPR. More details will be shared with the Commission at the next meeting. The FBO will have extra jet fuel on hand to meet the increased demand during the event.
  6. Air Traffic Operations/Instrument Flight Procedures Production/Based Aircraft (Quarterly)
    - Mr. Fix reported a decrease in operations especially due to the runway closure for the asphalt project. There were 3,075 operations in August. Pilots have commented on the good look of the runway. Mr. Fix was very pleased with the results of the improvement project.

## **VI. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

No comments.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS REQUESTS** (Future Agenda Items)

Chair Rogen suggested an update on the public comments made to the FAA.

## **VIII. NEXT MEETING TIME**

The next meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on the second floor Conference Room of the Airport terminal building on Wednesday, October 8, 2014.

**IX. COMMISSION COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS**

Chair Rogen requested a new aerial photo of the Airport for the display board.

Chair Rogen asked if there was any contact with the newly proposed casino. Mr. Fix replied in the negative.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

**Commissioner Escudero motioned to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Commissioner Mascaro made the second. Motion carried 4 - 0**