

Digest to commissioners

Since the last Aviation Commission meeting in August GFCFA has sought to find ways for our members to communicate concerns to their respective Aviation Commissioners. One of the ideas I proposed was to have individuals contact their commissioners directly. It was Commissioner Watt who pointed out that this would be unwieldy, and that it was unlikely that commissioners would have the time to respond to contact. He suggested that I compile a representative sample of these emails and send those to the commissioners along with a summary of the major points raised far enough in advance of the December 7 meeting for them to be able to read them and prepare to address these points.

I emailed Chair Ogg and Dan Jensen a copy of this “digest” and summary a week ago, asking them to please include agenda items which would allow discussion of five main points on December 7:

1. Background on attempts to educate the Aviation Commission on airport finances.
2. Lack of transparency (on the County's part) in drafting new leases for commercial airport properties (this has since been favorably addressed by the County with the release of their consultant's airport lease survey on November 21).
3. Lack of transparency (on the County's part) in encumbering the airport fund (and ultimately, airport users) to pay for overages on the runway reconstruction project.
4. Comments on the financial hardships delays in the runway project have caused to airport users and businesses and seeking restitution for losses (which may be partially addressed by the County with a planned item on the Board of Supervisors' agenda for December 5 seeking one month's rent relief for ground lessors (or an additional month for business lessors) due to the runway rehabilitation project delays).
5. Support for Aaron Singer/Seaplane Adventures in the recent failed attempt by County's Planning Commission to further restrict or revoke his operating permit.
6. Some emails with good news and constructive suggestions.

Because this material is given to you individually and with no communication of any discussions I've had with individual commissioners there are no Brown Act issues here; this summary is provided for informational purposes only so that you can be prepared to discuss them at the December 7 Aviation Commission meeting. As mentioned above, we have requested that these issues be placed on the agenda AND PROPERLY NOTICED SO THE PUBLIC CAN PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSIONS OF THESE ITEMS.

Thank you-see you on the 7th.

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