



## St. Paul Downtown Airport Advisory Council

### MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> of October 2020 at 4:00 PM

**\*\* Teleconference Only\*\***

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#### **Call to Order**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the St. Paul Downtown Airport Advisory Council (DAAC), was held Tuesday, Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> of October 2020, by teleconference only. **Chair G. Weibel** called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. In attendance by teleconference were:

**Representatives:** K. Mouton, 3M Aviation; C. Koehler, Minnesota Army National Guard; J. Dietman, United Health Group; L. Hinsperger, At-Large Representative; H. Windingstad, S. Knapmiller, District 5; G. Mischke, District 6; J. Fure, District 17; A. Jerve, Saint Paul; L. Gregg, Best Jets International; A. Wall, South Saint Paul; N. Garske, Signature Flight; D. Napier, City of West St. Paul; T. Rehkamp, Hubbard Broadcasting; Chair G. Weibel, At-Large Representative

**Staff:** M. Wilson, Airport Manager, Saint Paul Downtown Airport; J. Lewis, Community Relations Coordinator; M. Ross, Assistant Manager, Community Relations; D. Nelson, Director – Stakeholder Engagement; B. Juffer, Manager, Community Relations; K. Verdeja, Administrative Specialist

**Others:** T. Dimond, Saint Paul

A quorum of two User Representatives, one Public Representatives and one Government Representative was established by roll call attendance:

**User Representatives:** K. Mouton, C. Koehler, J. Dietman, L. Hinsperger, N. Garske, T. Rehkamp, L. Gregg, G. Weibel

**Public Representatives:** H. Windingstad, S. Knapmiller, G. Mischke, J. Fure

**Government Representatives:** A. Jerve, A. Wall, D. Napier

**Excused Absence:** G. Berquist

**Absent:**

#### **1. Introductions**

**Chair Weibel** offered time to each of our participants to briefly introduce themselves to the Commission. There were a total of 21 participants.

**2. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes: May 19, 2020**

**Chair Weibel** opened the item for discussion approving the minutes from the May 19, 2020 meeting.

**Member Napier moved and Member Gregg seconded to:**

**Accept the May 19, 2020 meeting minutes as presented**

**The motion passed by voice vote.**

**3. Public Comment**

**Chair Weibel** introduced the public comment period and reminded attendees of the ground rules for public comment.

**Tom Dimond, a past member of the DAAC and former commercial pilot**, brought up a proposal made by The Corps of Engineers and Ramsey County. The proposal plans to have 400,000 cubic yards of dredge spoils put into Pig's Eye Lake. The purpose is to attract more ducks and other water fowl to the area which could increase the risk for aircraft strikes. Mr. Dimond would like to know what, if any, wildlife management plan will be put in place.

**Mike Wilson, Airport Manager, Saint Paul Downtown Airport**, asked Mr. Dimond to forward the information to him as he was not aware of the proposal made by The Corps of Engineers and Ramsey County.

**4. Airport Update**

**Mike Wilson, Airport Manager, Saint Paul Downtown Airport**, gave an update of the Airport. The perimeter access roads have been redone. A regional trail has been added to the airport property. A walking path was also added from the terminal to Bayfield and Airport Road. The FAA will be closing STP Runway 14/32 for some work. Snow removal is currently ongoing. Customs [international] flights at the airport have resumed. Holman's Table reopened after shutting down because of the Governor's Order. They have also opened Cora's Table in the Terminal lobby area.

**Andrew Wall, South Saint Paul Airport**, asked for the closure information to be sent the airport closures in the event interested parties can contact South Saint Paul Airport should they need an alternate airport.

**5. Roberts Rules of Order – Voting**

**Mike Wilson** updated the attendees about the chair being able to vote.

**6. Nomination and Election for Chair**

**Chair Weibel** asked Michele Ross to lead the nominations and elections for both the role as Chair and Vice-Chair.

**Michele Ross** opened the item to nominations and discussion for the role of Chair of the Downtown Airport Advisory Council. Current Chair Weibel was the only nomination for this position.

**Member Gregg moved and Member Wall seconded to:**

**Close the nominations for the Chair of the Council.**

**The motion passed on the following roll call vote:**

**Ayes: Thirteen**      **Dietman, Fure, Garske, Gregg, Hinsperger, Knapmiller, Koehler, Mischke, Mouton, Napier, Jerve, Wall, Windingstad**

**Nays: None**

**Abstain None**

With a majority vote, Current Chair Weibel was re-elected as the Chair of the Downtown Airport Advisory Council.

#### **7. Nomination and Election for Vice Chair**

**Michele Ross** opened the business item to nominations for the role of Vice Chair of the Downtown Airport Advisory Council. Ms. Ross mentioned that the same process applied to the Chair would be used for the Vice Chair nomination and election process. Member Fure was the only nomination for this position.

**Member Gregg moved and Member Rehkamp seconded to:**

**Close the nominations for the Vice Chair of the Council.**

**The motion passed by voice vote.**

With a majority voice vote, Member Fure was elected as the Vice Chair of the Downtown Airport Advisory Council.

#### **8. Aircraft Operations and Noise Complaints Summary 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter – Jennifer Lewis**

**Jennifer Lewis** stated there were 98 noise complaints from 12 locations and 13 nighttime complaints from 3 nighttime households. MAC's Noise and Operations Monitoring System (MACNOMS) data show there were 5,422 operations and 606 nighttime operations recorded at Saint Paul Airport during the quarter. Ms. Lewis explained that more detail about complaints and operations is available at [www.macnoise.com/tools-reports/interactive-reports](http://www.macnoise.com/tools-reports/interactive-reports)

#### **9. STP Sound Study Results**

**Jennifer Lewis** gave an overview and a history of the Annual Noise Study. The purpose of the STP Annual Aircraft Noise Study is to evaluate STP aircraft operations and associated noise events occurring in neighborhoods that surround the airport. She also defined modeling and field measurement for sound studies described in the report.

**Mike Wilson** explained that due to the current pandemic, the number of flights are not traditional. In August 2020, the FAA reported a total of 2,322 STP flight operations, and during the study period 503 tower counts. An operation is counted when an aircraft utilizes a runway at STP.

**Ms. Lewis** answered numerous questions by **Council Members Gregg and Windingstad** regarding contacting households with numerous complaints and changing the time of year for the noise study.

**Chair Weibel** suggested a measurement study be conducted in August 2021, and at a different time the group would discuss the tool to be used in August 2022.

**The studies in August 2021 and August 2022 will use the same locations to the greatest extent possible for each study.**

**Ms. Lewis** clarified that the MAC is committed for an annual sound study, but the type of study is to be determined by the Council. After discussion, it was determined that a study will take place in August 2021 and August 2022 using the same locations to the greatest extent possible for each study (participant willing).

#### **10. Member Comments**

**Chair Weibel** thanked the Representatives and all in attendance for participating and opened the discussion to the representatives. No comments were made.

#### **11. Set next meeting date: April 20, 2021**

**Chair Weibel** advised the group that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 with a location to be determined based on the guidelines set forth regarding social distancing and public health and safety.

**Member Gregg moved and Member Napier seconded to:**

**Adjourn the October 19, 2020 Downtown Airport Advisory Council Meeting.**

The chair adjourned the meeting at 5:27 pm