METROPOLITAN AIRPORTS COMMISSION
RELIEVER AIRPORTS ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday – March 10, 2020 - 7:00 p.m.
Metropolitan Airports Commission
Coleman Room
6040 - 28th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55450

Committee Members: Commissioner Braj Agrawal; Chairman John Krack – Anoka County/Blaine; Glenn Weibel (absent) - St. Paul; John Grosen – Crystal; Pat Moynihan – Airlake; John Renwick – Lake Elmo; Lance Fisher - Flying Cloud; Joe Harris - MAC; Kelly Ubel - MAC

MAC Staff: Bryan Ryks; Phil Tiedeman; Robert Dockry; Blaine Peterson; Mike Harder; Neil Ralston; Eric Johnson; Dana Nelson; Jennifer Lewis;

Others: Bryan Orr; Tom Fitzhenry; Kathy Peterson

1. Approval of the 10 December 2019 Meeting Minutes and Agenda for 10 March 2020 was approved and carried by unanimous vote.

2. Issues

A. Reliever Appreciation Stakeholder Engagement

Dana Nelson, MAC reported that MAC’s Stakeholder Engagement Department is expanding relations with airport communities, tenants, and advisory groups. There will be appreciation events taking place in 2020 at each reliever airport, along with events at the Great Minnesota Aviation Gathering in Buffalo and Oshkosh AirVenture. Dana handed out a schedule listing the dates for the 2020 MAC Events.

B. Non-Aeronautical Update and New Reliever Hangar Developments

Eric Johnson, MAC gave an update on non-aeronautical development and the progress of the land releases at the reliever airports.

Airlake Airport - MAC has received the land release for the parcels on the east side.
Lake Elmo Airport – MAC has received the land release for parcel 1 with interest for a possible solar farm.
Flying Cloud Airport – MAC has received the land release for parcel 2 on the west side.
Crystal Airport – A developer is looking at both properties on the north side.
Anoka County/Blaine Airport – MAC will be working on the parcels in late 2020.
Joe Harris, MAC gave an update on new hangar development at the Reliever Airports.

Lake Elmo Airport has an area available for 8 new hangars. All eight spaces are spoken for from names that have been on the waiting list.

Crystal Airport has an area available for 5 new hangars. One space is spoken for from names that have been on the waiting list.

Airlake Airport has an area available for 17 new hangars. The spaces will be offered to the names that have been on the waiting list.

Flying Cloud Airport has 1 remaining space available in the south building area.

C. Reliever Airport Updates

Phil Tiedeman and Blaine Wilson, MAC gave an update on the projects that are scheduled at the airports in 2020:

STP - Rehabilitate fence and perimeter roads, sidewalk installation
21D - Airfield modifications and Runway 14-32 replacement
ANE - Air traffic control equipment upgrades, LED edge lighting upgrade, lift station improvements, taxi lane pavement reconstruction and underground fuel storage tank replacement
MIC - Runway 14R-32L & Taxiway E modifications, MAC operated fueling system
FCM - Taxiways A1, A2 pavement rehabilitation and underground fuel storage tank replacement, roof repair
LVN - LED edge lighting, restrooms, south building area and wash bay, fuel storage replacement

D. Hangar Inspections and Aesthetics

Robert Dockry, MAC reported that he has completed 464 hangar inspections since 2017 at Flying Cloud, Crystal, Anoka County/Blaine, Airlake and Lake Elmo. Of that number, 22 inspection were non-compliant. Robert mentioned there will be a large number of leases up for renewal in 2022. Tenants should look at their hangars and make repairs where needed in accordance with the Aesthetics Ordinance.

E. Results of Reliever Airport Usage Survey

Joe Harris, MAC reported that 800 emails were sent out to airport users and MAC received responses from 516 users. A report will be forthcoming.
3. Tenant Concerns/Issues

Tom Fitzhenry, Airlake Airport Tenant asked for an update on the status of the Ultralight Policy. Joe Harris, MAC stated that the policy is being looked at and future updates will be forthcoming.

Bryan Ryks, MAC reported that Covid 19 has put a stress on the entire industry.

John Grosen, Crystal Airport RAAC Rep stated that, at this time, there is no Jet A at the airport.

Lance Fisher, Flying Cloud Airport RAAC Rep stated that the snow removal on the north side of the airport was great.

Pat Moynihan, Airlake Airport RAAC Rep stated that the snow crew does a great job.

John Krack, Anoka County/Blaine Airport RAAC Rep commented that he would like to see a communication portal on the MAC website.

4. Future Meetings Schedule:

Meetings will be held at: Metropolitan Airports Commission
Lindbergh Room
6040 - 28th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55450
7:00 p.m.

Tuesday – June 9, 2020
Tuesday – September 8, 2020
Tuesday – December 8, 2020

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
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