

The following is a condensed version of the TRUCKEE TAHOE AIRPORT DISTRICT AIRPORT COMMUNITY ADVISORY TEAM (ACAT) regular meeting held Tuesday, March 03, 2020 in the Truckee Tahoe Airport District Community Room A, located at the Truckee Airport, 10356 Truckee Airport Road, Truckee, California.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: 9:00 AM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Leigh Golden
Member Joe Lorenz
Member David Diamond
Member Kat Rohlf

MEMBERS ABSENT: Member Lynne Larson
Member Stacy Caldwell

STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Hardy Bullock, Director of Aviation & Community Services
Mr. Marc Lamb, Community Relations Manager
Ms. Jill McClendon, Aviation & Community Services Program Coordinator
Ms. Lauren Tapia, HR Manager / District Clerk

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 4

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS:

There was consensus from ACAT Members to move agenda item number four Cessna JTA Aircraft Discussion before special presentations.

Mr. Bullock noted that there will be two public comment sections for the JTA Aircraft agenda item to honor the time the present CFI's made to be at the meeting this morning, and to help aid a well-rounded discussion. Mr. Bullock stated that the topic is an action item, though action could be moved to a future meeting or direction can be given to staff.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Member Golden stated that he was able to fly some approach patterns (with tower assistance) for proposed alternative runway project by Member Diamond and Director Mary Hetherington, and stated that he found the distance between the backside of the runway and Northstar to be unacceptable when flying a moderately high performance aircraft (between a large jet and small aircraft). Member Golden noted that the Northstar neighborhood would not approve of the runway placement or flight patterns for the runway. Member Golden noted that the runway would not be an option he would use for his aircraft or recommend for any larger higher performance aircraft. Member Golden will present his findings to the Board later this month.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- Minutes: February 04, 2020 – Regular Meeting

MOTION #1: Member Lorenz made a motion to approve the February 04, 2020 meeting minutes. Member Rohlf seconded the motion. Chair Diamond, Members Lorenz, Golden, and Rohlf voted in favor of the motion.

Cessna JTA Aircraft Discussion (TAB 02)

Mr. Bullock introduced the agenda item. Reviewed the history of the JTA Diesel Aircraft, why the District purchased it (wanted to directly reduce noise and annoyance), and how the Board wanted to make learning how to fly affordable to the general public. Mr. Bullock reviewed the agreement between the District and Sierra Aero, who manages the aircraft. Mr. Bullock noted that there are many forces on the plane (instructors, general public, maintenance and airport) and many conversations have taken place regarding the aircraft. Mr. Bullock reviewed the four main questions which are noted in the staff report attached to the agenda item.

Public Comment:

Ms. Jessica Fay, Owner of Sierra Aero, noted that the main issue is that the aircraft is booked out a lot. Ms. Fay also noted that many of the students are local, there aren't very many people who have traveled from out of town to train in the aircraft.

Mr. Howard Donner, Local CFI, noted that many individuals who aren't locals are interested in participating in familiarization flights, so they can learn how to fly better in and around Truckee. Mr. Donner stated that he would not be in favor of developing any policy that restricts the aircraft from being rented by individuals who do not primarily live in the region.

Mr. Kevin Sloane, Local CFI, noted that having a booked out aircraft is a good problem to have, but believes there is a more efficient way to manage the bookings. Mr. Sloan expressed this thoughts to each question listed in the staff report.

Ms. Sarah Halas, Local CFI, stated that she values consistency for her students, she is not in favor of them training in multiple aircraft, it causes confusion for the students. Ms. Halas noted that if booking the aircraft becomes too difficult and she can't provide that consistency for her students, instructors will transition back to utilizing the older, noisier aircraft.

Mr. Lamb reviewed Member Larson's comments on the agenda item, which included the idea of a financial penalty if reservations are not following the agreement with Sierra Aero. Ms. Fay responded that there is a penalty clause.

Discussion ensued regarding confusion why the topic is being discussed and placed before the ACAT Members, the hourly rate of the aircraft, and various scheduling difficulties brought forth by the CFI's. There was Member consensus to work out the various issues between the CFI's and the use of the aircraft with District staff, and any changes that will be made to the policy regarding the plane will be presented to the Board of Directors. No formal action was taken by ACAT on this agenda item.

Break: 10:01 AM – 10:08 AM

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Hangar Rental Rate Discussion – Member Diamond

Mr. Diamond presented his concept of having the hangar rental rates raised across the board and to give a discount to property tax paying residents in Nevada and Placer County, with the theory that they already pay taxes on their property. Member Diamond noted that the District provides a home basing discount to hangar tenants, the proposed concept would provide a third tier of a discount. Mr. Bullock noted that the District will need to seek guidance from Legal Council as there are major liability concerns with the proposed concept.

Discussion ensued regarding the concept and the potential legal implications. There was member consensus to have Staff seek legal opinion first before staff spends time exploring the viability of the potential concept.

Trails Ad Hoc Committee

Mr. Bullock inquired with Members to see if the Trails ad hoc committee is ready to be sunsetted. There was consensus from the Members to keep the committee active.

Public Comment: None.

SUB-COMMITTEES AND REPORTS

Emergency Map Project Update

Areal footage is being completed, more information to come. Member Lorenz requested an ad hoc committee meeting, which will be scheduled.

Safe Haven Project Update

Mr. Covey is working on the project regarding the homeowner side. There are issues that are needing to be resolved regarding hangars. Solutions are being sought after. More information to come.

Real Estate Guide Update

The ad hoc committee needs to meet with a representative from the Real Estate Board, the project has transitioned away from its original intent (a home buyers guide) and is more of a document giving an overview of the Airport District.

Member Announcements

Chair Diamond congratulated Mr. Bullock on his impending win of the Nevada County District 5 Supervisor seat.

Public Comment: None.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Motion #2: Member Rohlf moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Golden seconded. Chair Diamond, Members Golden, Lorenz, and Rohlf voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

At 11:48 AM the March 3, 2020 regular meeting of the Truckee Tahoe Airport Community Advisory Committee adjourned.