

## Minutes of Airport Advisory Working Group Meeting October 31, 2019

Meeting Time: 11:00 a.m.

Location: 1520 Market Street Third Floor Conference Room

Members Present: Paul Payne, Gerard Hollins, Linda Martinez, Rhonda Hamm-Niebruegge, Mike Garvin, LaTania Kenner, Ald. Marlene Davis

Also Present: Marc Ellinger, LeJuan Strickland, Stephanie Lewis, Lori Wicks, Meghan Farrell, Travis Brown, Nick Vallorano, Mitch Holzrichter, Rebecca Perry-Glickstein, Mary Francoeur, James Clayborne, David Stinfil, Joletta Golick, Ryan Coleman, and Members of the Press and Public. John Schmidt, Alexis Baker, Stephanie Bell, Jean Wilson, Glenn Muscosky, Sani Williams, Ben Port, Mark Finegold, Michael Fleming, Katie Knapp, Andrew McKenna, Ethan Konstantin, David Narefsky, Ramon Ortega, Shawn Kinder, Ronce Almond, and Gina Martin joined via WebEx.

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Chairman Paul Payne called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. The minutes for the October 24, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved.

### Workstream Status Updates:

**Airport Due Diligence** – Ms. Hamm-Niebruegge updated the group letting them know that the staff is continuing to update the airport’s data.

**Community Outreach and Communications** – Mr. Payne informed the group that two of the three scheduled community meetings had been conducted (at Carpenter and Schlafly libraries). Mr. Payne and Ms. Martinez attended. Ms. Lewis stated that approximately 20 people attended each meeting; and the presentation was updated. She also stated that attendees requested that the Working Group recommend putting the privatization up for public vote. The Outreach team informed them that the matter of a whether there should be a public vote isn’t the charge of the Working Group but recommended they speak with their elected officials. Ms. Lewis informed the group of a meeting scheduled for November 2, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at the Walnut Park Library. The meetings were recorded and are posted on the 314 website.

Mr. Payne led a discussion on a documentary regarding the history of St. Louis Lambert Airport, which was briefly discussed in a previous meeting. Mr. Brown admitted that a company he owns produced the video; and stated that it wasn’t produced in affiliation with Grow Missouri. He also stated that the videos haven’t been released or posted for the public’s viewing. Ms. Hamm-Niebruegge advised the Working Group that she was contacted by a member of the media who saw the video and was asked for a comment. She, as well as Ms. Kenner, Ms. Francoeur, and Ms. Perry-Glickstein expressed their concerns of the purpose of the

documentary, the timing of the release of the video, as well as the potential conflict of interest. Ms. Hamm-Niebruegge also questioned the accuracy of some of the content. Mr. Payne also expressed concern over the conflict of interest and reiterated that all communication related to the privatization process must go through the Working Group via the Communications and Outreach Workstream. Due to the fact the documentary was released to a member of the press, Mr. Brown stated that the videos will be immediately released for public viewing.

Later in the meeting, after discussing the Key Documents, members of the Working Group and a couple of the Advisors revisited the discussion on the documentary. The discussion included concerns of conflict of interest and the timing of the release of the film. Ms. Perry-Glickstein and Ms. Francoeur stated that the debt of the airport isn't unique to St. Louis. They also suggested that the video is misleading and dismissive; and wouldn't be something the Working Group would release. Mr. Payne again reiterated that anything related to communications regarding the airport should go through the Working Group released via the Communications Workstream.

**New Use Agreement, Lease, FAA** – Closed Session

**Market** – Closed Session

**Existing Debt & Finance** – No update

**Legal/Compliance** – Closed Session

**Discussion of Key Documents Development (Lease/Operating Standards)** – Mr. Holzrichter presented an overview of key documents with regards to the potential lease agreement. This presentation contained of the information previously discussed in closed session; particularly a description of what the documents will be and contain. It is a summary of key terms anticipated to be included in a Lease Agreement for St. Louis Lambert Airport should the City decide to lease.

Ms. Martinez suggested the Communications Workstream isolate key documents on the website for easier public access. Ald. Davis also reiterated that information released to the public be not only available but easy to read and understand.

**Other Items to be Discussed** – NONE

Upon motioning to adjourn for Closed Session, a member of the public requested the reasoning for adjourning for closed session. Mr. Garvin explained that it is legal to do so and is allowed because the group is discussing privileged information with legal counsel. The gentleman wanted to be on record that the public objects the discussions being held in Closed Session. Open session adjourned for closed session at 12:18 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 1:49 p.m.