

Minutes of Airport Advisory Working Group Meeting October 23, 2018

Meeting Time: 01:00 p.m.

Location: 1520 Market St. 3rd Floor Conference Room

Members Present:

Paul Payne, Ald. Marlene Davis, Jim Garavaglia, Rhonda Hamm-Niebruegge, Gerard Hollins, Linda Martinez, Michael Garvin

Also Present: Glenn Muscosky, Andrew McKenna, John Schmidt, LeJuan Strickland, Stephanie Lewis, Meghan Farrell, Mark Ellinger, David Stinfil, Ramon Ortega, members of the press and public. Joe Deane, Katie Knapp, Mary Francoeur, Nick Vallorano, Paco Cantero, Rebecca Perry-Glickstein, Stephanie Bell, Michael Wagner, Alethia Nancoo, and Gina Martin joined via WebEx.

Chairman Paul Payne opened the meeting at 1:02 p.m. with the question of approving the minutes from the October 9, 2018 meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved with a correction regarding the Merrill site under Airport Due Diligence. The correction reads as follows, The Merrill site is open and being loaded.

Workstream Status Updates:

Airport Due Diligence – Ms. Hamm-Niebruegge presented the update. As mentioned in the previous meeting, items were prioritized as urgent, high, and medium. The staff has closed out all of the urgent items.

Community Outreach and Communications – Alderwoman Davis stated that after several meetings the concern is that residents don't know enough about the exploration of privatization; and there have been a total of 115 people to attend the three town hall meetings. Alderwoman Davis hasn't received many emails or responses which is concerning. A lot more community engagement is needed. The Airport Advisory Committee Survey was shared for feedback from the Working Group members.

Mr. Strickland provided an update on the progress of the Outreach team. They have been 74,127 doors knocked on the north, central, and south corridors. Surveys were received at the town hall meeting, when added to other surveys, brings the total to 7,000 surveys received. Revisions to update the doorknockers will be shared with the Workstream for their input and later shared with the Working Group.

Questions for the Q & A session with airport employees are being compiled along with questions received at the town hall meeting. Information regarding the Midway and Puerto Rico deals will be shared with the employees.

Mr. Strickland stated that the regional polling will not begin until after November 6, 2018 due to the desire to get beyond mid-term election calls. Unanimous approval was granted to move forward.

Ms. Lewis stated that messaging is being developed for large group outreach. She suggested that a presentation is put together to better explain the process and the various stages of the process for the community. The schedule and dates for group outreach meetings are to be available shortly. Mr. Payne requested that the presentation be ready by the next meeting date.

Mr. Strickland responded to questions regarding responses received thus far and stated that the 583 specific comments from the doors are “need more information”.

New Use Agreement, Lease, FAA – Ms. Martinez stated that introductory conversations are continuing.

Market – Mr. Payne mentioned that the update will be discussed in closed session due to contract discussions.

Legal/Compliance – Mr. Garvin stated there was no update.

Presentation of Airport Investment Partnership Program (AIPP) – Mr. Schmidt informed the Working Group of changes in the FAA program. The name changed from the FAA Privatization Pilot Program to Airport Investment Partnership Program (AIPP). The President signed the statute on October 5, 2018.

Changes:

- a. Eliminated the word pilot
- b. Eliminated the word privatization
- c. Eliminated limits of the number of airports that can be leased
- d. Added the provision an exemption of any obligation to repay federal grants will be automatically granted if FAA grants basic approval for a lease transaction.
- e. Added the provision that a public entity can retain interest in the airport after its lease.
- f. Authorizes the FAA to make grants to public entities up to \$750,000 each to study the possibility of leasing their airport.

Ms. Hamm-Niebruegge mentioned that the \$750,000 would be awarded with a 25% match from the airport. She also suggested that clarity be sought to avoid misinformation.

Open session adjourned for closed session at 1:54 p.m.

Open session reopened at 2:17 p.m.

Ms. Martinez made a motion that a letter is sent to PFM & Siebert which will in part state that in lieu of working with Unison they are directed to work with the party providing the baseline projections, which will be Ricondo.

Alderwoman Davis requested an update on the Communications position to be hired through SLDC. Mr. Payne informed her that it was submitted to SLDC. Mr. Payne also expressed concern over the description for the second position. Alderwoman Davis stated that the Working Group needs to hire the Communications position as soon as possible.

There was a brief conversation regarding private and government partnerships in the funding and operating of public structures around the country. Mr. McKenna suggested that McKenna and Associates put together information detailing the above mentioned partnerships.

Due to Mid-term elections, the Working Group moved the next meeting from 11/6 to 11/7 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Louis Lambert Airport.

The meeting adjourned at 2:36 p.m.