



**COLORADO SPRINGS
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**MINUTES
Airport Advisory Commission
Wednesday, November 20, 2024
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Colorado Springs Airport Conference Room B
(Public Via Teleconference)
Teams Meeting**

VOTING

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

John Buckley – Chairman
Michelle Ruehl – Vice Chairman
Mark Volcheff – Commissioner
John Eastman – Commissioner
Al Peterson – Commissioner
Danny Mientka – Commissioner
George Mentz – Commissioner (via TEAMS)

VOTING

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

NON-VOTING

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dan Roehrs – Alternate Commissioner (via TEAMS)
Dave Elliot – Meadow Lake Airport Liaison
County Commissioner Longinos Gonzalez, Jr. – Liaison
Commissioner (via TEAMS)

NON-VOTING

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Randy Helms – City Council Representative
Brian Risley – City Council Representative
County Commissioner Stan VanderWerf – Liaison
Commissioner

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Greg Phillips – Director of Aviation
Alex Kovacs – Assistant Director of Aviation
David Andrews – Senior Attorney
Jennifer Cook – Executive Assistant
Chris Padilla – Senior Planner
Troy Stover – Business Park Development Director
Steve Hedden – Finance & Properties Manager
Ivette Rentas – Airport Customer Relations Coordinator
(via TEAMS)

GUESTS PRESENT:

Bob Sedlacek, Hudson Group
Jeff Bohn, USSF
Trent Holder, Woolpert (via TEAMS)
Beth Dukes, PSFB (via TEAMS)
Other attendees via phone were unknown

I. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 3:01 PM NOVEMBER 20, 2024, by CHAIRMAN BUCKLEY**

II. **APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 25, 2024 MEETING MINUTES**

Commissioner Volcheff made a motion to approve the September 25, 2024 meeting minutes. Commissioner Peterson seconded.

Discussion: None

VOTE: **APPROVED (Unanimous, Roll Call Passes 7 Yes)**

III. **COMMUNICATIONS**

- None

IV. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- None

V. **NEW BUSINESS AND REPORT ITEMS**

A. **Land Use Review – Chris Padilla**

Chris Padilla presented thirteen (13) Land Use Items.

Commissioner Mientka made a motion to recommend approval of Land Use Items #1 through #8 and #10 through #13 as presented by airport staff. Commissioner Ruehl seconded.

Discussion: None

VOTE: **APPROVED (Unanimous, Roll Call Passes 7 Yes)**

Land Use Item #9: Briefed

Due to a conflict of interest, Commissioner Mientka recused himself from the Land Use Item #9 discussion.

Details: Land Use Item #9, Request by Matrix Design Group, Inc. on behalf of Reagan Ranch Development LLC for approval of Eastern Sky Filing No 2 Final Plat. The plat includes 228 single-family residential lots. The site is zoned PDZ/AP-O/APZ-1 (Mixed-Use Medium/Airport Overlay/Accident Potential Zone 1) and consists of approximately 40.9 acres. The site is located south of Marksheffel Rd and Highway 94.

Review Note: The Eastern Sky at Reagan Ranch Filing No. 2 Development Plan was reviewed by the Commission in June 2024.

Discussion: Chairman Buckley and Commissioner Eastman shared their concerns of the language used in bullets two and three Staff Recommendations/Conditions of Approval.

Airport Acknowledgement: Upon accepting residency within Reagan Ranch, all adult residents and occupants shall be required to sign a notice in which the tenant acknowledges that Reagan Ranch lies within an Airport Overlay Zone and is located less than 1 mile from Colorado Springs Municipal Airport and may, at times (24 hours per day), experience noise and other activities and operations associated with aircraft and the Airport.

Lighting: Add note to future development plans/plats: *The development and its occupants may be impacted by air illumination or approach lighting systems that use medium and high-intensity lights to guide aircraft to the runway centerline used for navigation or flight in air.*

Ensuing a detailed discussion regarding the Staff Recommendations/Conditions of Approval language for Land Use Item #9, the Commission was provided with sufficient information to render a recommendation to change the Staff Recommendations/Conditions of Approval language to read:

Airport Acknowledgement: Upon accepting residency within Reagan Ranch, all adult residents and occupants shall be required to sign a notice in which the tenant acknowledges that Reagan Ranch lies within an Airport Overlay Zone and is located less than 0.5 miles from the runway at Colorado Springs Municipal Airport and may, at times (24 hours per day), experience noise at higher levels and other activities and operations associated with aircraft and the Airport.

Lighting: Add note to future development plans/plats: *The development and its occupants may be impacted by air illumination or approach lighting systems that flash frequently and use medium and high-intensity lights to guide aircraft to the runway centerline used for navigation or flight in air.*

Commissioner Eastman made a motion to recommend the approval of Land Use Item #9 as presented by airport staff. Commissioner Volcheff seconded.

VOTE: APPROVED (Unanimous, Roll Call Passes 6 Yes)

B. Director's Airport Business Report

- **Project Status Report**
 - Airport/Airfield construction report presented by Chris Padilla
 - Master Parking and Signage Plan – Final Scope was sent back to Woolpert.
 - RAC Drainage Repair – Task Order Executed 10/18. Ongoing coordination with City and FEMA. Contact being created from RFP.
 - Concourse Modernization Package A – Lounge Area being worked on by GLN contractor. Scheduling, procurement, and coordination ongoing. As

scheduled gates 8 and 10 have been turned over. Gates 9 and 11 ETA turned back in Feb 2025.

- TW Alpha Phase I (A4-A7) – FAA award signed 9/12 for both entitlements and discretionary. Pond work on going with inlet and outlet components being poured.
- Federal Inspection Station (FIS)/User Fee Facility (UFF) – Drywall installed and mudding and paint being started. Furniture Fixtures and Equipment ordered.

- **Traffic Trend Report**

- Airline data analysis presented by Greg Phillips
- Colorado Springs Airport (COS) welcomed a total of 210,247 passengers in October, representing a slight decrease of 7.2 percent from the previous October.
- Year-to-date numbers show a 7.4 percent increase, with 2,071,069 total passengers and 1,037,566 enplanements recorded thus far.
- Allegiant Airlines will begin new service in February 2025, offering three nonstop routes to Phoenix/Mesa, Arizona via Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport (AZA), Santa Ana/Orange County, California via John Wayne Airport, Orange County (SNA), and St. Pete/Tampa, Florida via St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport (PIE).
- Southwest Airlines has announced plans to start service to Cancun, Mexico (CUN) on June 7, 2025, marking COS' first international destination.

- **COS Financial Report**

- COS financial report presented by Steve Hedden.

- **Airport Business Development Report**

- Airport business development report presented by Troy Stover.

C. **General Business** – Director Greg Phillips

- Director Phillips shared the 2025 AAC meeting schedule.
- Director Phillips and Jim Lovewell attended in October the TakeOff North America 2024 Conference in Green Bay, Wisconsin. An air service conference where conversations were had with air carriers.
- Director Phillips attended the Cargo Airline Association (CAA) membership meeting in D.C. last week, speaking with various carriers.
- In December, Jim Lovewell and Director Phillips will attend the International Aviation Issues Conference in D.C., to learn about the latest developments in international air travel and trade.
- Aidan Ryan attended the Arts in the Airport Workshop in Philadelphia. This workshop focused on sharing knowledge, fostering creativity, and cultivating connections within the airport community
- COS has two positions to fill Air Service Manager and Construction Design Manager.

D. Chairman's Report – Chairman Buckley

- The Commission will vote on Chairman and Vice Chairman at December's meeting.
- Al Peterson is stepping down from the commission; this meeting will be his last. Al and his wife are moving out of state.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

- None

VII. COMMISSION MEMBERS' COMMENTS

- None

VIII. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

- None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- Chairman Buckley adjourned the meeting at 5:08 PM.

The next meeting date is Wednesday, December 18, 2024