

AA Advisory Committee Meeting Notes
September 25, 2009, WTC Conference Room

Attendees:

Peggy Cooper, SDCRAA
Mary De Felice, SDCRAA
Bella Heule, World Trade Center
Carelyn Reynolds, San Diego Direct Coronado Livery, Inc.
Sandor Shapery, Shapery Enterprises
Bill Clevenger, South County EDC
Laurie Berman, CalTrans
Bob Scurlock, UCSD
Barbara Baker, Miramar Technical Advisory Committee
Suhail Khalil, Peninsula Planning Board

Introductions and Interests in the AA Committee:

Carelyn Reynolds has been on the committee for two years. Coronado Livery Inc. is the oldest airport shuttle company in San Diego, as well as, the owner of Coronado Cab. The company's interest is in the business the airport provides through passengers' need for transportation to and from the airport.

She would like to learn from/work with other companies, even competitors, to solve common problems and issues surrounding the airport (i.e. airport restructuring and its effect on environmental concerns).

Sandor Shapery has twelve companies under the Shapery Enterprises umbrella. Transportation Systems, one of the twelve, utilizes green technologies to improve modes of transportation. He is trying to develop/improve the magnetic levitation train system by cutting the cost to build by two-thirds and eliminating the need for large infrastructure changes. He wants to apply this technology to the airport with a magnetic moving device for containers.

His interests are in extending Taxi Way Charlie. He is disappointed that the airport has not looked into the possibility of a land swap with the Marine Corp.

Bill Clevenger is the director of business development for Geo Con. Geo Con investigates the underground of land that is to be developed.

His interests are in regional transportation, encouraging economic development by bringing in new businesses, and supplementing the air traffic out of Lindbergh field.

Laurie Berman is the Chief Deputy for Cal Trans. Cal Trans interest is through its aviation division.

Her interests are in watching Destination Lindbergh and how it affects the freeways.

Bob Scurlock is interested in capacity issues, specifically the analysis of the capacity issues at Lindbergh. Due to the state of the economy airplane companies have downsized which has alleviated the capacity issues for the time being. After the economic recovery Scurlock anticipates this issue will reappear and he would like to look to the future to have ideas/solutions in place to rectify the issue.

Barbara Baker advises the Miramar base on any issues.

Her interest is in the communication of Miramar's strategic location. She would like it to be clear to the airport that Miramar is still growing and that this has aided in picking up the slack caused by the current economic state. There are new aircrafts coming in (B-22 and the joint strike fighter) and the base is changing scope and only getting bigger. The miscommunication between the airport and Miramar impedes both entities abilities. Baker would like concrete ideas on how to solve the debate between expanding on what is already at Lindbergh versus maximizing Lindbergh field by expanding north. Another issue is why there is not an extensive parking structure that could relieve traffic conditions.

Suhail Khalil is on the peninsula planning board and his community is affected by the departure path of Lindbergh's air traffic. He is concerned with the expansion of Lindbergh and its negative impact on Point Loma's air/noise/traffic. He is disappointed with the airports use of "green" expansion propaganda when the facilities may be green, but the operations are not. He feels bookended by the Lindbergh expansion project and the increased military operations in Coronado. He agrees with the need for a parking garage. He is sensitive and understanding to the facts (there is no other location for the airport, the airport's economic importance to the city), but he wants to see a plan of how the airports plan to work together to help his community. One solution he has heard is to increase the runway which would allow larger planes, but argues this will only aggravate the current issues to his community. Wants to keep the transparency alive and appreciates the voice the AA provides in finding solutions to his concerns.

Elsa Saxod (absent; thoughts from her email) wants to identify the key issues so that the AA committee may send their recommendations to the board. The board benefits from the diverse points of view and ideas provided by the group.

Presentations/Departments/Issues would like to see?

History on Taxi Way Charlie: what are the options, is it even an option (Sandor)

New Generations of Aircraft: efficiencies, as operations increase how air quality will be mitigated, their carbon footprints, and the creation of a monitoring system of the environmental effects (Suhail)

Traffic: impact of a parking garage/expansion on traffic, how the new terminal/new gates ties in to traffic concerns, AA Committee non-understanding of how a parking garage will aggravate traffic (Sandor)

Understanding Airport Decision Making: how AA Committees suggestions are taken, want to understand how the Airport makes its decisions or access to the facts they have so the AA Committee can better formulate its suggestions, an outline of the possibilities and ideas that are already off the table so that AA Committee is making recommendations on which route to take vs. coming up with ideas that are not even possible

Updates: status of the airport, status on airport traffic/passenger traffic, airport impact on parking/traffic - provided in an email brief one week before each meeting (Barbara)

Ideas to focus on in 2010 and what ad-hoc committees

Union- cooperation between businesses and tourism, how this coincides with the carbon footprint/environmental impact (Carelyn)

Ground Transportation- infrastructure/expansion of ground transportation to and from the airport, promoting passengers to leave their cars at home, better access to public transportation by bringing it “closer to the curb”, this also accomplishes lessening the carbon foot print (Carelyn)

AA Research- wants access to the same facts that staff and SANDAG use to make their decisions, use this information at the AA Committee meetings to formulate better recommendations to the board (Barbara)

Military Involvement- invite someone from the Marine Corp to hear their voice on the Taxi Way Charlie issue (Carelyn)

AA Advisory Committee Meeting Notes
October 2, 2009, WTC Conference Room

Attendees:

Bella Heule, World Trade Center
Dan Frazee, SDCRAA
Peter Drinkwater, County of San Diego
Ramona Salisbury Kiltz, County League of Women Voters
Brad Gessner, San Diego Convention Center

Introductions and Interests in the AA Committee:

Peter Drinkwater has been with the county for six years. The county operates eight airports and acts as a supplemental to the department of public works.

His interest is in how “Destination Lindberg” will affect Palomar airport’s future as a supplemental international airport. The plans are needed by the county to make decisions on future investments into Palomar and if they will reinvent or downscale. He sees the biggest challenge being to develop a strategic plan for the regional transportation of the airports and how investments are going be used to alleviate the problems.

Ramona Salisbury Kiltz is a part of the county league of women voters, which is comprised of four leagues.

Her interests are in the embarcadero, she would like to understand how the “moving north” late phasing plans of the airport fit in with the long-term plans.

Dan Frazee (SDCRAA) outlined briefly some of the issues:

- not able to put in a second run way
- in 2006 citizens of San Diego voted against moving to Miramar and relocating the military
- a mode of transportation needs to be created between Lindberg and the north
- a parking structure is needed on the south side
- need investment to revamp the airport in the North

It was discussed that it would be beneficial to have someone from the AA come to a meeting and give an informational presentation on what “Destination Lindberg” entails and what lies in the future for those members of the committee who are not familiar with the details.

Brad Gessner is the general manager of the San Diego Convention Center.

His interests are in keeping the airport operations downtown due to the convenience in proximity for convention center operations.

Bella Heule is the CEO/President of the World Trade Center San Diego.

Her interests are in the lack of and need for more international flights in/out of San Diego.

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Issues discussed at meetings should be voted on because it adds more weight to the committees' recommendations. (Gessner)

When will other trolley transit connections be occurring? (Kiltz)

Future plans for sustainability (i.e. concessions, etc.) at the airport. (Gessner)