

DANBURY AVIATION COMMISSION MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

Danbury Aviation Commission -- 7:00 p.m.
Danbury City Hall: 155 Deer Hill Ave., Danbury, CT 06810
Third Floor / Room 3C / Tuesday, September 16, 2008

01 Meeting Called to Order By Chairman Ashkar.

02 Roll Call:

Present: Commissioners Ashkar, Zilinek, Oppermann, Baker

Absent: Frizzell

03 Motion made to accept the May 20, 2008 meeting minutes as written, seconded and unanimously approved.

04 Liaison Report:

No Liaison Report.

Motion made to accept the Liaison Report as written, seconded, and unanimously approved.

05 Administrator's Monthly Report:

Mr. Estefan reported that through the efforts of Mayor Mark D. Boughton, Attorney Laszlo Pinter, Attorney Ray Yamin, the Aviation Commission, the Common Council, Dena Diorio, David St. Hillaire, Michael Safranek, and everyone who contributed to the demise of the trees, I would like to say Thank You. The approach has been certified by the surveyors, Hoyle Tanner, and the FAA has been notified. A letter will be sent to the FAA to request the release of federal funds to move forward with new projects. Mr. Estefan advised Phase 2 on the Grenier Building is in a draft form and waiting for results regarding the environmental issues. Michael Safranek, Tommy Hart, and Will Smith put an obstruction light on top of the barn as the pilots were getting too low now that the trees are gone. The bid request will be going out sometime in the winter so work can be done in the spring to tear down the building. He also reported that the Runway Intersection will need to be rebuilt. Hoyle, Tanner, Craig Bailey, and State of CT DOT were here to inspect the intersection. Work should be commencing sometime next October and would last approximately two weeks. Mr. Estefan advised Grenier has not removed all their property in the building as of August 31, 2008, and now the Legal Department will be commencing eviction proceedings.

Motion made to accept Administrator's Monthly report, seconded and unanimously approved.

Motion made to open Public Speaking, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Public Speaking:

Mr. Rob Zohn, Business Aircraft Center, questioned on the take-off and landings during the intersection reconstruction. He was advised takeoffs can be done on Alpha taxiway which is about 2,900 feet. Mr. Zohn requested a preliminary request be sent to request Papi's and/or Vasi's to be installed. Mr. Estefan advised he will wait until the barn is removed. Mr. Zohn suggested a glide scope could work now that the trees have been removed. He also suggested we get another grant to regrade the cleaned area; in which Mr. Estefan advised we don't own the entire parcel so regrading would not be possible at this time. Mr. Zohn added congratulations on getting the trees cut, and would request WAAS approach to Runway 26 be added at some point.

Mr. Estefan advised all trees that are now in the approach zone are at their full maturity and will need very little maintenance in the future, but if needed, we can go in and prune.

Mrs. Lynn Waller had questions regarding the Boston Billiard property and the length of the lease and requested the Aviation Commission to speak at the Ad Hoc meeting and/or Council meeting. Mr. Estefan replied he doesn't support the amount of money they want to give us and to tie up the property for 70 years and he will be attending the meeting. Mrs. Waller also discussed the increase in black helicopters flying over her house.

Motion made to close Public Speaking, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Old Business

Discussions were held on the review of the Runway 8 project and the tree clearing under Public Speaking.

New Business

Sadler Aircraft – Delinquencies of Fees

Chairman Ashkar advised this has been carried over for four months. Mr. Estefan read into the minutes letter dated September 11, 2008 addressed to Sadler Aircraft from Attorney Pinter (copy attached). Mr. Estefan also read into the minutes letter addressed to Robert Percy who is a tie down customer (copy attached). Chairman Ashkar and the Commission advised Sadler has received enough leniency on this matter and request action be taken against Sadler. Attorney Pinter advised a Show Cause Hearing was scheduled and then dropped because they paid; as of this date they are delinquent and we have authority to revoke permits due to past history. Chairman Ashkar advised we should now refuse to accept his payments due to past history. Attorney Pinter advised the commission can start procedures to revoke the permit that Sadler has. Mr. Estefan advised if their permit is revoked, the grandfather clause is also revoked due to the fact they do not have 5 acres.

Motion was made to authorize the Legal Department to commence procedures to revoke the permit and/or evict Sadler Aircraft due to legal ratification of both delinquencies, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Attorney Pinter also reminded the commission on the outstanding negotiations regarding the business transaction with Sadler and the City.

Motion was made to terminate negotiations with the applicants concerning the transfer of the Sadler property, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Motion made to adjourn, seconded, and unanimously approved.

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