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AIRPORT COMMISSION MINUTES

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025, 3 P.M.
PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON/TELEPHONE
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92522

PRESENT: Chair Gibbs, Co-Chair Randleman, Alderette, Bloch, Gamblin,
Greene, Vazquez.

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Daniel Prather, Michael Dean.

The Airport Commission convened the meeting at 3:02 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was no one wishing to address the Commission.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MINUTES

ABSENCES

A motion was made by Commissioner Alderette and second by Commissioner Gamblin to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. The Commission unanimously approved items 2 & 3 with no discussion.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

AD HOC COMMITTEE-2025 Airport Commission Workplan



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The Commission unanimously approved item 4 with no discussion. Commissioner Gamblin volunteered to present the Airport Commission 2025 Work Plan at the Mobility and Infrastructure Committee Meeting on March 13, 2025, at 1:00pm.

February 2025 Airport Manager's Operations and Activity Report-Dr. Daniel Prather/Airport Manager.

Airport Manager Daniel Prather began his report by updating the Commission on airport operations and financial statistics noting that Riverside Airport is number 1 in operations for all FAA contract towers in California and 116th out of 526 towered airports nationwide.

Prather continued his report by discussing the successful Commemorative Air Force D-Day Doll flights during the holiday season around Corona and Riverside.

Prather proceeded with his report by updating the Commission on current Request for proposals such as the Master Plan RFP, Rates and Charges RFP, Terminal Building Exterior Painting RFP, new Marquee Sign RFP as well as the airport Roofing RFP.

Prather then informed the Commission of recent City Council and Committee Actions such as the Taxiway A Agreement, the CBU Through the Fence Agreement, Restroom Change Order and a long term hangar agreement.

Commissioner Alderette asked what percentage of aircraft operations was attributed to the airport's flight schools. Prather replied with a guess of around 60-70% being that 300 students are currently enrolled in flight programs, but the actual numbers have never been researched. Staff will do some research by contacting the ATC Tower to get better and more accurate statistics. Commissioner Gibbs also added that other area flight schools use Riverside Airport when training. Alderette also asked if the Request for Proposals primarily came from the airport budget. Prather answered by stated that some project monies come from City loans or FAA Grants, but majority do come out of the airport budget.



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Commissioner Gamblin asked about the status of the airport moving forward with a more Executive theme as opposed to the current Municipal status. Prather stated that the Executive addition to the Riverside Airport name has been tabled now. Prather also said that with the development of the Westside of the airport, partnership with the City Economic Development Department and other factors the Executive focus would be pursued soon.

Commissioner Gibbs inquired about the new construction on the corner of Gemende and Airport Drive. Prather informed the Commission that this was a new hangar project developed on the land leased by the FBO-Riverside Jetport to include 5 new hangars. Prather will give an update on the status of the project at the next meeting.

Following discussion and without formal motion, the Commission received and ordered the file of the February Airport Manager's Operations and Activity Report.

COMMUNICATIONS

UPDATES OF CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, AND REGIONAL MEETINGS ATTENDED BY
COMMISSIONERS

None currently

ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Chair Gibbs thanked Commissioners Bloch and Vazquez for their commitment and time while serving on the Airport Commission and wished them the best on their future endeavors.

The Airport Commission adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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