

City of Arts & Innovation

AIRPORT COMMISSION MINUTES

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2025, 3 P.M.
PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON/TELEPHONE
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92522

PRESENT: Chair Gibbs, Co-Chair Gamblin, Alderette, Delpino, and Trigueros

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Daniel Prather, Michael Dean.

The Airport Commission convened the meeting at 3:08 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

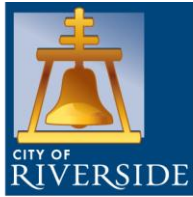
ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was no one wishing to address the Commission.

CONSENT CALENDAR

GUEST SPEAKER-JIM O'BRIEN-PRESIDENT RIVERSIDE EAA CHAPTER 1712

Mr. O'Brien gave an introduction on the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA), a worldwide organization, which started in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The first chapter started in 1953 at Flabob Airport by Mr. Ray Stits. Chapter 1712 was organized in February 2025 which started with 30 members and has grown to 42 members currently. Chapter 1712 meetings are held in the airport lobby on the first Tuesday's of every month. Mr. O'Brien spoke about the Young Eagles Events which are held on the second Saturday of every month which give free airplane rides to kids between the ages of 8-17. The goal of EAA is to advocate a prospective stream of interest for future aviation careers to our youth. Mr. O'Brien also spoke about future aviation scholarships that the chapter is looking into providing.



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Commissioner Alderette asked Mr. O'Brien if the chapter thought about spreading the word about the Young Eagles Events through college and career fairs.

O'Brien answered that they were interested in this opportunity and asked Alderette to contact him with more information.

Commissioner Delpino informed O'Brien that the next chapter meeting coincided with the City's National Nite Out and suggested using this opportunity to help spread the word. O'Brien asked Delpino to contact him with more information.

Commissioner Trigueros gave kudos to an EAA Chapter in Texas who inspired his interest in aviation as a youth.

O'Brien asked if there were any other pilots on the Commission.

Chair Gibbs answered that she is the president of the Riverside Flying Club

Co-Chair Gamblin thanked O'Brien for his presentation and remembered his experience flying as a youth. Gamblin also pointed out the need to expose this great asset at the airport.

Delpino suggested that he could reach out to the Raincross Gazette to help promote this wonderful organization.

MINUTES OF JUNE MEETING

EXCUSED ABSENT REPORT

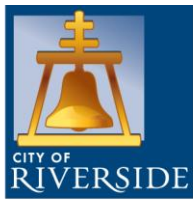
A motion was made by Commissioner Alderette and seconded by Commissioner Gamblin to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. The Commission unanimously approved items 3 and 4 with no discussion.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2025 AIRPORT MANAGERS' REPORT

Airport Manager Daniel Prather began his report by updating the Commission on airport operations and financial statistics. Prather showed that the airport is under in expenditures due to making repairs in house and over in revenues.

Prather updated the Commission on a few highlights over the past several months including the airport's most recent inspection received from CALTRANS Aeronautics. The



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inspection report included several cracking issues located in several runways and taxiways around the airport as well as a tree that needed to be trimmed. Prather discussed the San Bernadino Valley College/ Riverside Flight Academy partnership kickoff event as well as the new observation area located beneath the tower. Prather alluded to the new concrete pad for additional seating in front of the terminal and new airfield signage located at taxiway Lima.

Prather concluded his report by informing the Commission of the upcoming City Council items which include the Airport Master Plan Project to Coffman and Associates as well as the terminal painting project and the airport roofing project. Prather stated that the new marquee project is scheduled for the October City Council Meeting.

Commissioner Trigueros stated that the observation area was a good call and asked if the airport considered a playground or aviation themed play area giving examples of other airports.

Prather stated that he has reached out to several playground manufacturers and does have examples but also stated that costs exceed expectations.

Gibbs asked if any funding was available through the City Parks and Recreation Department.

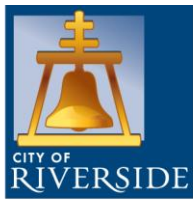
Prather stated that he would investigate that option.

Delpino asked what the goal of the new airport master plan is

Prather said the goal was to find additional funding available as well as facilities needed for future demand, land development, parking and projections of future operations. Prather also informed the commission that a Planning Advisory Committee is planned to help with the direction of the plan.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gamblin and seconded by Commissioner Alderette to approve the September Airport Managers Report. The Commission unanimously approved item number 5.

COMMUNICATIONS



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

No updates for item number 6.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Gamblin asked about the open positions on the commission and if they will be filled soon. Prather stated that he has reached out to Councilmember Robillard to help assist with filling the open positions.

Trigueros asked for a moment of silence to remember all of those who lost their lives during the 9/11 tragedy.

The Airport Commission adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Dean

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