

AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD
JANUARY 16, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 5:37 p.m. Councilmember Starkey advised that the Town Council had formed this Board because it believed that the airport expansion project had adverse impacts on the Town. She indicated that this was a critical time to have an active voice and to inform the community about the actions taken by the Town. Councilmember Starkey advised what some of those actions had been and added that the municipalities of Dania and Hollywood had been leaders in this effort. She explained that a primary issue was to have an updated master plan before undertaking the expansion project. Councilmember Starkey indicated that a study had been made from outdated information and that the Airport Advisory Task Force had unanimously requested to be provided with updated information before moving forward.

1. ROLL CALL

Board members present were Wayne Arnold, Debbie Chandler, Arnetta Davis (arrived 5:50 p.m.), James Futch, Hertz Halperin, Adam Klauber, Gina Parker, Dan Pignato and Karen Schiavone. Also present were Councilmembers Judy Paul (departed 6:52 p.m.), Susan Starkey, and Tom Truex (arrived 5:55 p.m. and departed 6:40 p.m.), and Board Secretary Janet Gale recording the meeting. Lizeida Feuillebois was absent.

2. SELF-INTRODUCTIONS

In turn, Board members introduced themselves, provided background information and indicated their desire to serve on the Board.

Councilmember Starkey extended the introductions to the audience. Those who spoke of their concerns regarding this issue were:

Tom Green
Councilmember Truex
Councilmember Paul
Robin Snyder
Deborah Ross
Fire Chief Don DiPetrillo
Mike Bender

3. SELECTION OF CHAIR

Mr. Arnold nominated Mr. Futch. Mr. Futch explained that he had an eight-week commitment which would impede his being able to be Chair.

Mr. Arnold nominated Mr. Pignato, seconded by Ms. Davis. As there were no other nominations, nominations were closed. In a voice vote, with Ms. Feuillebois being absent, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 9-0)

4. SELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

Mr. Arnold nominated Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Futch. As there were no other nominations, nominations were closed. In a voice vote, with Ms. Feuillebois being absent, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 9-0)

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5. SELECTION OF SECRETARY

Mr. Futch volunteered stating, however, that his eight-week absence may be a problem. Ms. Parker offered to substitute during Mr. Futch's absence. In a voice vote, with Ms. Feuillebois being absent, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 9-0)

Councilmember Starkey advised that Scott Marder of the Airport Advisory Task Force would provide a "power point" presentation and overview of the airport expansion project.

Mr. Marder presented aerials denoting the proposed expansion and explained the details. He emphasized that the task force was not opposed to responsible airport expansion and stated that it had supported the \$280,000,000 for capital project improvements currently underway; however, it was the task force's contention that the eight-year-old master plan needed to be updated for a project of this monetary magnitude. Mr. Marder spoke of an economic benefits study commissioned by the Broward County Aviation Department in which it had been determined that the runway expansion would not increase the number of passengers coming to Broward County. He indicated that the study concluded that there would be no additional money from the economical benefits with or without the expanded runway. Another issue discussed was the "value in time" costs which amounted to a loss of approximately \$664,000,000 annually. Mr. Marder explained how the figure was calculated and that it would remain unaffected with or without the expanded runway. Other negative impacts that were addressed were property values, noise levels, pollution, loss of beach and park environments, and overall quality of life. Mr. Marder also explained the hitch with "averaging" which was used in the calculations of several reports.

The presentation revealed the inadequacies of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) as well as the subsequent related studies: Draft EIS (DEIS), Supplemental Draft EIS (SDEIS), and the Second Supplemental Draft EIS (SSDEIS).

The Board was advised and updated on the actions of the Clean Airport Partnership and informed of the litigation involving the defensibility of the EIS. Also enlightening were other options to the 9,000 foot expansion of the southern runway, which had not been considered. Mr. Marder advised of the various groups, agencies, and politicians who were either opposed or in support of the project. He concluded by suggesting activities for the Board to become involved in which would enhance their knowledge and enable them to inform others and cause a change.

6. DISCUSSION

6.1 Meeting Schedule

The Board decided that the next meeting would take place February 6, 2003, 5:30 p.m., in the Town Hall Community Room.

6.2 Objective

Councilmember Starkey spoke on this item at the beginning of the meeting and during the course of the presentation.

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6.3 Review Broward County's Airport Expansion Project
This item was addressed in the presentation.

7. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS

Councilmember Starkey indicated which materials she would provide the Board with prior to its next meeting. Chair Pignato commented that the Board needed to form sub committees, obtain petitions and brochures, and establish geographic districts, all of which should be items for the next agenda.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Date Approved: _____

Chair/Board Member