

**TOWN OF DAVIE
WORKSHOP MEETING
JUNE 4, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Truex, Vice-Mayor Caletka, and Councilmembers Crowley and Starkey. Also present were Town Administrator Shimun and Assistant Town Clerk McDaniel recording the meeting. Councilmember Luis was absent.

Also present were members of the Airport/Transportation Advisory Board: Duncan Bossle, Jorge Egues, Ernest Siegrist and Ellis Traub.

Councilmember Starkey made a motion, seconded by Mayor Truex, to excuse Councilmember Luis. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 4-0)

Councilmember Starkey explained that Councilmember Luis had been present earlier, but had taken ill.

Public Information Officer Braulio Rosa advised that consultants had been brought in to determine how the Town would communicate with the Broward County Commission and the public.

John Herin, attorney with Stearns Weaver Miller Law Firm, said their comments regarding the draft Environmental Impact Statement [EIS] which had been forwarded to the FAA and the County Commissioners. This evening, it should be decided who would make the Town's presentation the next day, and what that presentation would be.

Mr. Herin noted that other agencies performing the same review process had identified some of the same concerns about the draft EIS, confirming the fact that it was flawed. He felt this would result in taxpayers' money being spent on something that was not valid, and they should remind the County Commissioners of this. Mr. Herin did not know what the format for public input would be at this meeting.

Councilmember Starkey said she would prefer that Mayor Truex be introduced to represent the Town, Mayor Truex would then introduce the consultants to make their presentation, and then other Councilmembers could speak on behalf of the residents. Mr. Herin pointed out that they did not want the presentation to be redundant. He felt the consultants should speak last to ensure all points were touched upon. Mr. Herin said they could also cover the technical aspects of the EIS.

Mr. Herin said the consultants had informed the FAA that the crosswind runway may be underutilized, which logically lead to questioning the necessity of building another runway. He noted that this idea would not sit well with the Cities of Dania Beach or Fort Lauderdale. Mr. Herin asked Council how forcefully this point should be made. Mayor Truex said he did not like this argument, and did not want to pit municipalities against each other.

Councilmember Starkey said a design was put in place years ago that would have included using the crosswind runway to relieve crowding, but Dania Beach and Hollywood had subsequently pursued decommissioning that runway. As the airport grew, the burden had shifted to Davie as its population grew, and plans were proposed to "build dual everything over Davie." Councilmember Starkey thought it unlikely that the FAA would decommission a runway, and she wanted to retain this runway as an option to provide relief. Mr. Herin explained that the "no action" alternatives would leave the crosswind runway in its current configuration and current use, unless the FAA performed an EIS for its increased use. This was different from pointing out that the crosswind runway was being under

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utilized in an action plan. Mayor Truex did not want to make that argument, because they were working with Dania Beach. Councilmember Starkey said Dania Beach was “trying to throw a north runway on us, and now Fort Lauderdale is trying to throw the south runway.” She felt they should state that 1331 should not be decommissioned and the impacts should be studied before proceeding. Councilmember Starkey felt the airport master plan should be examined as well.

Mr. Herin said the “piecemeal approach” was one of the strongest issues that had led them to conclude that the draft EIS was fatally flawed. He stated that the EIS must include an evaluation of the impacts of the action being considered.

Vice-Mayor Caletka felt Mayor Truex, Councilmember Starkey and he should divide up their talking points to ensure as many of their concerns as possible were put into the record in the time they were allowed. Mr. Herin suggested someone indicate that there were other things that caused delays, rather than suggesting increasing the use of the crosswind runway. The crosswind runway issue could also come under a discussion of “more efficient use of existing facilities” instead of underutilization. He recommended they use the press release as a starting point and integrate talking points into that as a basis for their remarks.

Mayor Truex invited comments and questions from the Airport/Transportation Advisory Board.

Duncan Bossle, Chair of the Board, said that the forecasting models the FAA used were provided by public companies, whose stock value was tied to positive growth; therefore, these models were not realistic. He indicated that the County had been in a negative growth pattern for two years and the expansion issue was backed by the Broward Workshop, a group comprising Broward businesses development interests, funded through the County Commission and Broward taxpayers. Mr. Bossle noted that this was a tri-county area with three major airports travelers could utilize and the congestion issue at the airport was minor, taking up only four to five hours per day.

Jorge Egues said he did not support increased use of the crosswind runway because he was sensitive to the impacts this would have on southwest Fort Lauderdale. He did not want the crosswind runway decommissioned either, as this would open up land for additional terminal development.

Ernest Siegrist reported that County Commissioners would visit remote site #1 the following day at a time of day when it experienced very few loud noise events. He said that the Everglades Lakes Mobile Home Park was concerned about the mitigation options, since the provisions for relocating a mobile home were inadequate.

Mr. Herin advised that the FAA had used flawed baseline data and a program that resulted in the smallest possible noise contour footprints. Without a Part 150 study, he said they could not know what the problems would be, and the impacts could not be properly evaluated. Within Davie, three to five mobile home parks were located within the 65 DNL contour, and even more were included within the 60 DNL, which was the responsibility of the County. Mr. Herin noted the impact this would have on the affordable housing crisis, since mobile homes could not be adequately mitigated. He stated that the EIS never properly examined the human factor or the fact that this would have the greatest impact on those who could least afford it.

Councilmember Crowley felt the airport would get the needed votes and Davie would then be considering what their next steps should be.

Mr. Herin thought the best option would be that no action was taken. The next best option was that the County Commission would agree that the EIS was flawed, and any action should be postponed until all deficiencies were corrected. Mr. Herin noted that as costs escalated, the County would be more inclined to consider additional ways to reduce delays.

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Vice-Mayor Caletka felt airlines should be encouraged to use less noisy planes. Councilmember Starkey thought the airport should require noisier planes to install “hush kits” to ensure quieter flying, as well as other noise abatement measures.

Councilmember Starkey wanted to create the list of talking points. Mr. Herin said the quality of life and affordable housing issues could be combined. Mayor Truex felt these were 90% of the argument. He agreed to address the quality of life issue. Vice-Mayor Caletka agreed to address the mobile home/land use issue. Councilmember Starkey agreed to address the delay issue. Mr. Herin suggested that Councilmember Starkey discuss the need to identify all of the projects, perform a Part 150 study, and then create a draft EIS encompassing all of the improvements.

Mr. Herin pointed out that anyone who addressed the County Commission should prepare a cogent statement, not just an opinion. Councilmember Starkey said that staff could create a list of points to distribute to speakers.

Mr. Siegrist suggested that the County Commission meeting be advertised on Channel 78.

There being no further business to discuss and no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Approved _____

Mayor/Councilmember

Town Clerk