



**AGENDA
AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 10, 2023
6:00 PM
CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBERS
204 ASH STREET
FERNANDINA BEACH, FL 32034**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - 4.1 Minutes for June 8th AAC Regular Meeting
- 5. OLD BUSINESS**
- 6. NEW BUSINESS**
- 7. AIRPORT DIRECTOR AND STAFF REPORTS**
- 8. COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS**
- 9. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
- 10. NEXT MEETING DATE**
- 11. ADJOURNMENT**

All members of the public are invited to be present and be heard. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations in order to participate in this program or activity should contact the City Clerk at (904) 310-3115 or TTY/TDD 711 (for the hearing or speech impaired). All interested parties may appear at said meeting and be heard as to the advisability of any action, which may be considered with respect to such matter. For information regarding this matter, please contact the Airport Director.

1. **Call to Order:** Chairperson Geib called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
2. **Members Present:** Chair Doug Geib, Vice Chair Chuck Colcord, Members Prudence Hostetter, Bob Sell, and Hugh Giggy
Staff Present: Sam Carver, Airport Director; Robert Kozakoff, Staff Liaison; David Broughton, Staff Assistant

3. **April 13, 2023 – Approval of Minutes:**

The April 13, 2023, meeting minutes were presented for approval.

A motion was made by Member Sell, seconded by Member Hostetter, to approve the April 13, 2023, AAC Regular Meeting Minutes. A vote upon passage of the motion was taken by ayes and nays and being all ayes, carried.

4. **Public Comment Regarding Items Not on the Agenda:**

Len Kreger, 1313 Hickory Street, Fernandina Beach, gave a brief history of the solar farm proposal” that has been proposed by FPU on Airport property leased to Amelia River Golf Course. He stated that it did not appear to go through the normal process for discussion or approval with the City. He also said that he is against the proposal.

Edward Demchuk, 4414 Titleist Dr., Fernandina Beach, stated that aircraft noise at FHB is a “catastrophe” and expressed his concern that the airport administration is not effectively addressing the issue. Chair Geib explained the process for addressing noise issues and stated that he believed that the flight schools are abiding with the voluntary noise abatement procedures. Mr. Demchuk disagreed with the Chair’s opinion.

Following some heated discussion, a five-minute recess was called to regain order.

5. **Airport Director And Staff Reports:**

- 6.1 Introduction of Airport Director Sam Carver.**

Mr. Sam Carver, Airport Director, introduced himself. He explained his aviation background and experience and goals that he has for FHB. He stated that safety is a priority. He also wants FHB to continue to be a first-class operation. He said that every airport has noise issues. Mr. Carver stated that he was happy to be here and to be part of the community.

Director Carver advised the AAC about two airport-related items that came up at the City Commission at its June 6, 2023, regular meeting - the approval of an FAA grant for the design of Taxiway “A”, and a work order approval for Passero and Associates, the City’s airport engineering firm, to do the design phase bid and a DBE plan for the project. Mr. Carver also stated that the Fire Station on Airport property should be completed in August. The construction of hangars by FHB Aircraft Hangars LLC has started. These are located adjacent to Hangar B. Director Carver also said traffic count at FHB has increased this year compared to 2022.

6. New Business:

7.1 Driving Dynamics Facility Use Agreement

Driving Dynamics has requested to use closed runway 18 on August 5th from 8:00am till 6:00pm to conduct driver training.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Colcord, seconded by Member Hostetter to approve the Driving Dynamics Facility Use Agreement for August 5th, 2023. A vote upon passage was taken by ayes and nays and being all ayes, carried.

7. Commission Member Reports/Comments:

Vice Chair Colcord welcomed Sam Carver to the position of Airport Director. He also addressed the concerns of Mr. Demchuk about aircraft noise. He stated that the Airport Staff has been diligent in getting the FHB voluntary noise abatement procedures out to the flying public and the flight schools in Jacksonville. He mentioned that staff has travelled to Jacksonville Executive Airport to address the flight schools.

Several additional comments were made by the Commission members, public, and staff regarding aircraft noise. Mr. Demchuk inquired about getting a Noise Hotline for the airport. Director Carver stated that he would be open to establishing a hotline at FHB for aircraft noise complaints.

Mr. Jim Harkins 1942 Springbrook Rd. believes that the flight training schools are the main cause of noise and that they also pose a safety issue. Director Carver spoke briefly about the aviation industry and the national pilot shortage.

Member Hostetter asked about the status of the cinder block building being rehabbed. Mr. Kozakoff stated that bids for that project have not come in yet.

Member Edlin inquired about the status of the Ybor Alvarez Complex. Commissioner Chip Ross responded that the City Commission's June 20 workshop has an item to discuss the future of the complex.

8. Next Meeting Date: August 10, 2023

9. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Airport Advisory Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Secretary

Doug Geib, Chairperson