

Airport Stakeholder Meeting
Wednesday, February 22, 2012
3PM-5:05PM at the Airport Manager's Conference Room

Stakeholders attending: Gail Phillips (Alaska Aviation Museum), Tim Thompson (AK Airlines), Mark Korting (Re/Max Broker/Realtor), Bill Popp (AEDC), Larry Houle (Rim Architects), Pat Doyle (ADN)

Public attending: Mike Ford (KIMO/FOX TV), Matt Ahlire (KIMO/FOX TV), Dan Palmer (TSA), David Moore (Sand Lake Community Council), Cathy Gleason (Turnagain Community Council President), Merle Akers (Turnagain Community Council), Julianne Hanson (HDR?), Mark Brys (FAA/ANC Control Tower), Rob ?(Consolidated Enterprises), Steve Strait (Governors Aviation Advisory Board)

Airport Staff Attending: John Parrott, John Johansen, Jeanette Luckey, Deb Herrick, Trudy Wassel, Andy Hutzal, Margaret Tyler

Stakeholder Membership:

Review of Stakeholder Meeting purpose and members. Fill the need to receive input from business owners in Anchorage. Request from John Parrott that current members consider other prospective members as some members have left and space should be filled. Some ideas are: Alaska Railroad, Port of Anchorage. Review times/dates of meetings to make sure they fit stakeholder's schedules.

Question regarding next meeting of Anchorage-Airport Communications Committee: May, specific date TBA.

Air Service Development:

John Parrott reported on recent trip to Asia to meet with cargo carriers in China, Japan, Korea. Mid-Atlantic Conference to meet with Iceland Air, to promote possible passenger service beginning in summer, 2013.

Returning summer seasonal airlines: jetBlue, Condor, KAL charters, JAL, American Frontier. Maybe Vladivostok.

Construction Preview:

Residential Sound Insulation Program has about 30 homes/56 condos to complete

Taxiway reconstruction on 7R to repair cracks in concrete

Storm drainage work in South Airpark area to drain to Cook Inlet instead of Lake Hood and Lake Spenard

Storm drainage work on Postmark Rd

Kulis area: Access Road from Fire Station to Airfield, security fence, demo of buildings not available for leasing

Escalator replacement in parking garage

Lighting upgrades at Lake Hood

Acquisition of condos/land along Lake Hood Strip (contractor will demo or move 6 duplexes)

Diesel Exhaust emissions recycling/storage

Lighting upgrades in parking lots

Part 150 noise study and Study input committee

Airport Master planning slated to begin (contractor not public yet)

Runway 7L will require resurfacing, large project slated for 2014.

FAA part 150 noise compatibility study: Meeting 2/29 6PM Spenard Community Rec Center

Construction Projects Open House tentatively scheduled for 3/20/2012 at the North Terminal.

Concession Update:

Kulis – Lease application for non-aeronautical use. Two competing bids; short term use interest by filming company in hanger. Working with utilities, especially AWWU to bring services and then be able to have AWWU handle utilities for lessees.

Cinnabon, Hot Dog outlet expected in B hex; Yogurtland airside; In Motion Kiosk in A concourse, Norton Sound seating Landside with beer/wine/food.

Public Notices out for family style restaurant in A concourse area, Gate C0 area may have Silver Gulch Brewery with growlers to go, food, retail. Alaska Channel – digital advertising on MUFID screens, interactive screens

New art in B hex. Bronze, interactive exhibit of uniquely Alaskan items.

Staffing:

Still short at ANC but getting better.

Traffic Update:

12% down. Global recession not yet bouncing back. Hoping February numbers are better as Chinese New Year was in January this year. Check Moody's for more info on airport bond rating: www.moodys.com

Muni Projects:

Both are on-going with meetings, etc: West Area District Plan, Title 21

AEDC Projects:

Economic Impact Report – Completed in January. Shows distinct need for products to be shipped on planes outbound from US to Asia. AEDC is working to promote Anchorage as site location nationally and internationally.

Roundtables – Stakeholders and community members participated in 4 roundtables in Dec/Jan. Good questions/suggestions including: What's going on at Kulis, North Terminal, AK RR terminal. Final report is being drafted, written summary will be out soon.

Around the Table:

Margaret Tyler: Facebook, Alaska Aviation Careers and Airport Job Fair SAT 3/24/12 10A-3P at North Terminal

Andy Hutzal: Lighter than Air Conference summer 2012. Dirigibles that can lift heavy items to places without runways. Some people think it's the way of the future. <http://www.blimpinfo.com/> General aviation aircraft operations are down at Lake Hood Seaplane compared to eight years ago. Lake Hood operations were between 80,000 – 85,000 per year in 2004. Last year operations were 60,000 – 65,000. Based on the global economy; increase in aviation fuel (\$3.00/gallon in 2005, now over \$5.00/gallon); the annual cost to maintain an aircraft; reduction in general aviation flights are the national trend. Also, local pilots aren't going to their remote cabins or fishing locations as often.

Bill Popp: AEDC bringing 3 fam trips to review AK as site for business development: 1 in February, 1 in May/June, 1 in August. Space on planes is plentiful. Labor pool is not plentiful compared to other locations.

John Parrott: Stakeholders, consider attending community council or Anchorage-Airport Communication meetings in the future.

Questions:

Carriers have concerns that ANC can't meet: No.

Snow melting – UPS did previously but found that melting snow with sand from runways gummed up the machinery. Cost of fuel to melt and labor to work/fix equipment made it not cost effective.

De-icing recycling – EPA changing rules so that restrictions may not be across the board. AK Airlines, UPS and FedEx collected data regarding recycling, but found that there is no local market for recycled de-icer and no efficient storage of it. Main direction now is to figure out how to use less of the de-icing chemicals. Modern de-icing equipment allows for different techniques in how much is applied.