

DANBURY AVIATION COMMISSION MEETING
REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

Danbury Aviation Commission -- 7:00 p.m.
Danbury City Hall: 155 Deer Hill Ave., Danbury, CT 06810
Third Floor / Room 3C / Tuesday, March 18, 2008

01 Meeting Called to Order By Chairman John Ashkar

02 Roll Call:

Present: Commissioners Ashkar, Zilinek, Oppermann, Baker

Absent: Frizzell

03 Motion made to accept the January 15, 2008 meeting minutes as written, seconded and unanimously approved.

04 Liaison Report:

Commissioner Oppermann read his Liaison Report into the minutes (copy attached).

Motion made to accept the Liaison Report as written, seconded, and unanimously approved.

05 Administrator's Monthly Report:

Mr. Estefan reported the Common Council has appropriated \$1.5 million to purchase the entire Grenier property and cutting of trees. Regarding the Wooster School trees, arborist from both sides will identify the trees and are willing to accept the money offered. Mr. Brown and Mr. Edmonds have been signed and accepted; and Dalensio will probably go to condemnation. \$460,000 of City money has been submitted to the state for reimbursement and \$900,000 grant request has been submitted for the tree clearing. Mr. Estefan advised that the FAA has requested to shut down the 8 approach for night-time IFR only. A request for an extension was forwarded to the FAA in February and we are awaiting a reply. Mr. Safranek added that Attorneys Yamin and Pinter went above and beyond to push this issue as far as it is now.

Motion made to accept Administrator's Monthly report, seconded and unanimously approved.

Motion made to open Public Speaking, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Public Speaking:

Having heard no public speaking;

Motion made to close Public Speaking, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Old Business

Sadler Aircraft

Status of Delinquencies: Mr. Estefan advised that Sadler Aircraft has paid all fees as of this date. Chairman Ashkar requested that Mr. Estefan bring a status report on all delinquent fees and what action has been taken prior to the next commission meeting.

Possible Scheduling of Show Cause Hearing: It was determined that the Show Cause Hearing will take place prior to the next regular scheduled Commission Meeting in April.

Proposed Business Plan and Workshop: Chairman Ashkar requested a final proposal agreed to by your attorneys and the city's attorneys on the proposed acquisition. Attorney O'Malley advised that their office sent a proposal to Attorney Gottschalk in January for review and comments. Chairman Ashkar advised the commission cannot act on this proposal until finalization and approval of the

agreement from the city's attorneys is received. Attorney O'Malley requested a possible subcommittee be formed to review the project before the next commission meeting. Chairman Ashkar assigned a subcommittee of Commissioners Oppermann and Zilinek to review the project. Chairman Ashkar advised a "workshop" will be conducted prior to the next commission meeting at 6 p.m. to review the final proposal for the Sadler Project and a report given by the subcommittee.

Motion was made to table the Sadler Show Cause Hearing, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Centennial Helicopter

Mr. Estefan advised that it would be in the best interest of the commission and Centennial Helicopter to have some of the commission members come in to meet with Centennial and go over the proposal and see what can be worked out. Mr. Estefan will report to the commission at the next meeting on the new policies and procedures from the State on permitting. Chairman Ashkar advised the commission cannot set a precedent on this without it affecting everyone at the airport. Mr. DeMarchi stated this proposal was discussed previously at this commission. Commissioner Opperman stated that the legal department was going to look into this and come up with an opinion on what we can or cannot do. Chairman Ashkar requested Mr. Estefan put together a report on what the other state airports are charging helicopter companies, as well as a report from the legal department.

Motion was made to table the Centennial Helicopter fee structure proposal, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Motion made to adjourn, seconded, and unanimously approved.

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