

## Minutes of the Airport Advisory Board meeting, March 27, 2013

A regularly scheduled meeting of the airport advisory board to the City of Lago Vista was held on Wednesday, March 27, 2013 at 7 PM in city council chambers at 5803 Thunderbird. Present at the meeting was chairman Bill Coltharp, board member Mike Hurosky, alternate board member Jim Wood, board member Don Barthlow and board member Kris Dehnel.

Chairman Coltharp read the minutes from the September 26 meeting, which were approved by unanimous vote.

The staff update was presented by assistant city manager Frank Robbins.

1. the Aero Commander is scheduled to be salvaged by city forces.
2. the city has the authority to dispose of the aircraft even though a mechanics lien might be held against it.

### Airport Property Owners Association update

1. brush removal in the vicinity of the airport is on the list of things to do for the city. The city has decided to trim rather than remove cedar trees in the interest of erosion control.
2. the Wi-Fi equipment owned by the property owners Association will be offered to the city for use to provide a hotspot at the fuel pumps. If the city decides to reject the offer, the equipment will be offered to a subgroup of the POA to provide Wi-Fi services for those interested in helping fund and operate the system.

A discussion to consider recommendations to the city Council concerning a multiyear airport capital improvement plan.

1. the current capital improvement plan for fiscal year 2013 – 2014 will consist of the rehabilitation of the Southwest taxiway.
2. Futures CIP programs will include:
  1. the rehabilitation of all the surfaces on the airport grounds ( runway and taxiways )
  2. TexDot has expressed an interest in paving the privately owned lot west of the fuel pump for additional transit parking. It was discussed that the airport advisory board does not recommend this expansion in light of the fact that it would provide only limited additional transient parking.
  3. It was discussed that the advisory board recommends the rehabilitation of the runway, recommends the reconditioning of the Southwest taxiway, does not recommend the paving of lot 52, does not recommend paving of a larger transient parking lot to the west of the fuel dispenser.

A discussion was held of the city's plan to build T-hangars on the East side of Rolling Hills Trail. This activity is not yet part of any CIP.

The board is considering recommending to the city Council that the program to consider the hangar construction consist of the following elements

1. research the costs associated with obtaining a runway lot for ingress egress.
2. consider the geometry of the side to decide if the hangars should be located to the north or the south sections of the East side of Rolling Hills Trail.
3. determine the appropriate size of the development i.e. the number of hangars.
4. investigate the cost of the lots which would be needed for the entire project.

The airport advisory board should provide recommendations to the city Council by the next meeting so that the city Council will have timely input for their budget considerations.

### Board members issues :

1. Frank Robbins has succeeded in obtaining a written agreement from TexDot concerning the

construction of hangars between existing hangars at the airport that while this has been a policy for some time the policy now is writing.

2. while TexDot and the city will continue to require federal form 7460 – 1 to be filled out for any potential hangar construction, there is the possibility of FAA requiring some additional measures before construction permits will be issued for those hangars between existing hangars( i.e. the so called "saw tooth" lots).

Citizen comments

1. the need to remove trees on the north west side of the airport grounds north of those hangar on the West side in order to create a firebreak. Cedars should be cleared or trimmed up.

2. It was agreed that chairman Coltharp contact the owner of a particular lot to seek permission or agreement for tree trimming.

3. a need to create a firebreak between the airport property and Fish and Wildlife's property.

The date of the next airport advisory meeting was set for May 29, 2013.

The meeting was adjourned by chairman Coltharp at 8:40 PM

*Joe Altharp*  
*Chair*

*Approved 29 May 13*