



## MINUTES

### Airport Subcommittee

Meeting Date: June 4, 2019

Meeting Time: 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Location: Cloverdale City Hall Conference Room  
124 N. Cloverdale Blvd., Cloverdale CA 95425

#### Subcommittee Members and City Staff

Chair: Mayor Melanie Bagby

Councilmember Mary Ann Brigham

City Manager David Kelley

Airport Manager Michael Morrissey

Public Works Director Mark Rincon

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Bagby called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Present: Mayor Bagby, City Manager Kelley, Airport Manager Michael Morrissey. Absent: Public Works Director Rincon and Councilmember Brigham.
2. **Communications:** Committee may, at this time, discuss written communications sent to Committee Members since the last Subcommittee meeting.

Noise Complaints: City Manager Kelley commented that three complaints had been received via the website on the on-line form since the previous subcommittee meeting regarding noise from a low flying “touch and go” planes and concerns about human exposure to lead poisoning. Additionally, a written complaint was Ron and Mindy Thal with similar concerns.

Mr. Morrissey indicated that he is researching ways to regulate the number of touch and goes, similar to what Healdsburg is doing; however, because it is a public airport there might be limitations as to what the City can do. Additionally, on occasion the pilots notify him in advance of possible noise increase levels and/or special events, however, the airport does not have the ability to pass on the information to the airport neighbors.

City Manager Kelley stated that the City does not regulate airport noise or fuel, it is regulated by the FAA, and added that staff always responds to the complaints. A method of neighbor notification regarding upcoming events at the airport would also be helpful.

#### Public Comment:

Ivan Gromala stated that experimental planes are not using lead fuel.

Jess Slavich opined that the airport should stop selling leaded gas to address fallout from planes that are flown low by rogue pilots.

Recommendation - Agendize the sale of lead fuel issue on a future agenda for further discussion; and urge the people with noise complaints to go to the County and the FAA about their complaints. It was noted that the complaints are part of the public record, and formalize the method for the public to submit complaints.

3. **Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items**

Jackie Kennedy commented that during the airport closure people were kayaking at the airport.

Jess Slavich, stated that the priority at the airport should be for safety and emergencies.

4. **Approval of Minutes:** The February 5, 2019 meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

5. **Current Items for Discussion:**

- a) Cal Trans Annual Inspection City Manager Kelley indicated that an annual inspection recently occurred and once the report is received it will be agendaized for subcommittee review. There were recommendations to remove a wire fence and vegetation on the northeast side of the airport that obstruct navigable airspace.

Public Comment: None

Recommendation: Agendaize report for future review.

- b) Hangar lease agreement for Hangar #20 - Mr. Morrissey indicated the airport is working on a lease agreement for the hangar with Mr. Gromala, to commence July 1. The improvements planned will be an asset to the airport and the community. He introduced Mr. Gromala.

Ivan. Gromala stated that he recently moved to Cloverdale and is ready to take on the improvements. The hangar is not currently leased.

Eric Gromala loves Cloverdale and wants to establish a positive relationship with the community.

Mayor Bagby welcomed the Gromalas to the community.

- c) List of Capital Improvement Projects including Airport Taxiway Rehabilitation Project. City Manager Kelley indicated that bids for the Airport Taxiway Rehabilitation Project would be opened on June 13 and the FAA funding of approximately \$139,741 is expected in July.

Public comment:

Jackie Kennedy asked if it includes the berm to prevent flooding. Mr. Morrissey indicated that erosion from the creek will be addressed by a drainage project, which is different from the levee along the river.

Ray Shipway asked about repair and rehabilitation of the apron.

Mr. Morrissey indicated that the taxiway and drainage are the priority, and they are looking at finding funding for repairs to the apron.

Mayor Bagby added that airport improvements will be addressed in the Capital Improvement Plan and that once the needs are identified, the appropriate funding be identified.

Mr. Kelley, based on discussion with the FAA and airport consultants, noted that the priorities are the taxiway and drainage and the Capital Improvement Plan will look at improving the surfaces, the apron, and the hangars. The plan will be coming up for review in the near future.

Mr. Shipway commented that improvements to the tarmac and adding storage space would help the airport to be more profitable.

Recommendation: Agendaize review of the Capital Improvement Plan for the next subcommittee meeting.

d) Internet Broadband options for the airport. and fuel system options

City Manager Kelley commented that replacement of the fueling system is being considered, as well as an upgrade of the internet broadband options at the same time. They are also researching the options with other fuel companies.

Public Comment: None

Recommendation: Schedule a special meeting in August to discuss the options.

6. **Information Only Memos:** None

7. **Future Agenda Items:** Jess Slavik asked for development of a strategy to restrict the use of lead fuel, and to make noise a standing agenda item. Pilots need to respect the airspace in the east side hills.

Mayor Bagby stated that noise is regulated by the FAA – while the City could look at implementing a voluntary policy, the City’s authority is very limited.

Recommendation: Agendize discussion of a noise mitigation policy on a future Agenda.

Mr. Shipway would like to see more public outreach to generate more interest in the airport.

Recommendation: Mayor Bagby suggested adding community outreach/communication portion of the Capital Improvement Plan discussion.

Also added: leaded gas issue, noise complaints, community outreach/social media, and plans for an open house.

8. **Pending Items –** None

9. **Good of the Order –** None

10. **Adjournment:** Mayor Bagby adjourned the meeting at 11:16 a.m. to a special meeting in August (date to be determined) to discuss the Capital Improvement Plan, broadband and fuel options and community outreach. The next regularly scheduled subcommittee meeting is Tuesday, October 1, 2019, at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes approved October 1, 2019