

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE AIRPORT COMMISSION**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance Airport Commission convened in a regular session on Thursday, February 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Boyce, Donnellan, Jacobsen,
Johnson, Orpe, and Vice-Chairperson Hsiao.

Absent: Chairperson Glass.

Also Present: Facility Operations Manager Megerdichian.

MOTION: Commissioner Orpe moved to grant Chairperson Glass an excused absence for the February 13, 2014 Commission meeting. Commissioner Donnellan seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

3. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Boyce led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. AFFIDAVIT OF AGENDA POSTING

MOTION: Commissioner Jacobsen, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda for this meeting; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5A. MINUTES OF JANUARY 9, 2014

MOTION: Commissioner Jacobsen moved to approve the January 9, 2014 Commission meeting minutes as submitted. Commissioner Orpe seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Chairperson Glass, Commissioner Donnellan abstaining).

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

6A. Commissioners expressed appreciation to the City for the Commissioner Appreciation dinner and congratulated Commissioners Donnellan, Glass, Jacobsen, and Orpe for being honored for their years of service.

6B. Commissioner Johnson announced the retirement of Operations Supervisor Mike Blyleven on February 12, 2014.

6C. Commissioner Johnson congratulated Commissioners Hsiao and Orpe on their reappointment to the Airport Commission.

6D. David Bentley, Hanger 2769E, read and entered into record a letter voicing his objection to the City's current policy to immediately demolish all upgrades when a hanger tenant vacates due to liability concerns. He stated that it would be more effective to assess the improvements and allow a new tenant to work with Building and Safety officials to ensure the improvements are done correctly. He noted that improved hangers would be more valuable to future pilots and to the City and requested that the Commission reconsider the current "rip out immediately" policy.

Commissioners directed staff to bring the item back at a future meeting for further discussion.

7. ACTION ITEMS

7A. DONATION OF P-51 MODEL AIRPLANE TO GENERAL AVIATION CENTER

Facility Operations Manager Megerdichian introduced the item and welcomed David Bridi and Jim Standifer. He recommended that the Commission accept the donation of a 1/5 scale P-51 Mustang model aircraft for display at the General Aviation Center. He noted that Mr. Bridi built the model at the request of Louis Zamperini, with Mr. Zamperini's signature, initials, and birthday incorporated into the aircraft's details. He stated that the model would be hung in the pilot's lounge alongside Mr. Zamperini's historical memorabilia.

Mr. Bridi provided his background and noted that the model is a flight ready, radio controlled model.

Commissioner Orpe suggested displaying a picture of Mr. Zamperini standing next to the model and Mr. Standifer offered to relay his suggestion to Mr. Zamperini.

Commissioners thanked Mr. Bridi for his generous donation and Facility Operations Manager Megerdichian stated that, if recommended for acceptance, the item would be forwarded to City Council for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Jacobsen moved to concur with staff recommendation to accept the donation of a P-51 Mustang model aircraft. Commissioner Donnellan seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Chairperson Glass).

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

8A. AERONAUTICAL OPERATIONAL INFORMATION UNDER THE PURVIEW OF THE GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Vice-Chairperson Hsiao noted that the following reports for February 2014 were included in agenda materials: Hangar and Tiedown Rental Status, Ongoing Projects, February Meeting Room Calendar, Hangar Waiting List, Events Requiring Emergency Response for December 2013 and January 2014, and Airfield Operations Status for December 2013.

Facility Operations Manager Megerdichian reported that there are no hangar vacancies. Referring to Report #2, Ongoing Projects, he stated that the Airport Security Project is a little behind schedule but that FAA paperwork has been filed and equipment has begun to be ordered, with completion expected in June 2014. He pointed out the high number of operations in December 2013 compared to the same period last year.

In response to Commissioner Johnson's inquiry, he explained the process that the Airport Noise Hearing Board uses if a pilot has three violations in a three year period.

9. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

9A. Commissioner Orpe wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

9B. Facility Operations Manager Megerdichian stated that the new Web Trak system was demonstrated at the February 11, 2014 City Council meeting. He noted that the system allows for detection of aircraft making early left turns, noise levels at each monitor, and complaints to be logged online.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 7:44 p.m., Commissioner Jacobsen moved to adjourn the meeting to Thursday, March 13, 2014 in the West Annex meeting room at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Donnellan seconded the motion and, hearing no objection, Vice-Chairperson Hsiao so ordered.

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Approved as submitted March 13, 2014 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
