



APPENDIX G

GENERAL AVIATION PILOT MEETING NOTES



Central Colorado Regional Airport

General Aviation (GA) Pilots Meeting

May 16, 2015

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Consultant & Airport Representatives:

Colleen Cummins, Aviation
Dave Nafie, Aviation
Dennis Heap, Airport Advisory Board
General Aviation Pilot Group (10 representatives)

Meeting Summary:

Barry Hayes opened the meeting with several general topics.

Aviation attendees, Colleen Cummins and Dave Nafie introduced themselves as did Dennis Heap, Airport Advisory Board representative. Colleen and Dave informed the group that they were there to listen and learn about the pilots' concerns.

The discussion's primary focus was safety as it related to the lack of a cross-wind runway and the importance of Aviation documenting this priority in the Master Plan. It was noted that funding a crosswind runway could be difficult as it isn't on the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) priority list. The Town would need to consider alternative funding.

Other issues discussed:

- Request for detailed breakdown of the \$276,000 master plan cost
 - *Colleen sent information to Barry and requested he distribute to the group on May 28, 2015.*
- GA pilots not concerned with additional parking for jets
- Sewer system is not a GA priority and pilots were not sure why it was a priority with the Town
- AEJ has a reputation of being unsafe, especially with pilots along the Front Range – considered a dangerous airport
- The airport has not seen growth in 20 years. Why would growth be expected in the next 20 years?
 - AEJ has lost 50% of its based aircraft
 - Colleen noted that decline of based aircraft is a national trend and not unique to AEJ. However, airports are seeing a slow upward trend currently and in the past few years.
- Through-the-fence (TTF) needs to happen and could be a solution for an emergency landing runway, i.e. make a condition of the TTF to build a long taxiway



- Request for document from FAA saying TTF not legal
- It was noted that the FAA discourages new TTF agreements
- *Colleen sent TTF guidance information to Barry and requested he distribute to the group on May 28, 2015.*
- *Jviation discussed additional TTF operations with the Town on Monday, May 25, 2015. The Town noted that new agreements or allowing additional TTF operators is not a priority. They are currently working with the FAA to purchase the existing TTF per the FAA's request. Consequently, approving a new TTF operation would contradict with current priorities.*
- EAA Young Eagles is a priority item with group
- Have Trustees approved permit for September air show?
- Blue hangar being used for medical manufacturing, which may be a non-compliance with FAA Why build hangars if we don't use the ones we have for aircraft? Did they get a grant from economic development?
- It is very difficult to build a hangar on AEJ – why isn't there a development plan and consistent lease rates?
- AEJ is not friendly to transient pilots as terminal facilities, i.e. weather planning, bathrooms are not available after 4 pm, security fence is hard to get through

Opportunities:

- Strengthen GA pilot relationship
 - Young Eagles
 - Air Show
 - Quarterly pilot meeting
 - Conference room – coffee & doughnuts
 - Operational Update
 - Development Update
 - Sounding board
 - Educate on airport funding
 - Business Aviation is GA
- It is imperative that all aviation groups are coordinated and have the same goals! AEJ GA pilots need to see there selves as airport ambassadors.

The meeting was adjourned by Barry who thanked Jviation and Dennis for attending and listening