



Airport Technical Advisory Committee
Commissioners' Hearing Room
July 25th, 2012
9:00 am

Those in attendance: Chris Branch, Albert Losvar, Dave Edwards, Ralph Malone, Roy Skelton, Chris Johnson, and Jim Detro.

Okanogan County Planning staff present: Director of Planning Perry Huston and Planner 1 Dalana Potter.

The meeting was called to order by Perry Huston, Okanogan County Director of Planning and Development.

Director Huston opened the meeting with a quick review of the agenda.

The review of the Airport Technical Advisory Committee's past efforts and future direction followed. The plan is to create a zone that is customized to fit each airport by altering the subzone dimensions on each map.

Construction of the zone, with a focus on the purpose sections, was the main topic. In regards to formatting the general purpose section, bullets were recommended to better organize the information. Also, revisions to stress compatibility and balancing airport operations with neighboring uses were noted, as well as the need to add wildfire suppressant as a significant use of airport facilities.

For the purpose section of Zone 1 Runway, edits included only a few grammatical errors.

The purpose section of Zone 2 Approach similarly required some minor revisions, but also included clarification of discouraging residential development from commercial.

Zone 3 Inner Transition needed the most work. Much attention was focused on revising the current draft to note that accident risk is comparatively low, however, the impact of airport operations on neighboring properties is high. Noise is a public nuisance and greatly affects this zone; therefore, the purpose section should reflect this.

Zone 4 Outer Transition needs little revising. All language of density should be removed. General prohibitions that apply to this zone need to be outlined.

Other topics included bird attractants. The committee agreed water elements and sewage treatment facilities are of little concern to airport operations. Revisions to the permitted and conditionally permitted uses, as well as general prohibitions are needed to reflect this decision.

Also, the creation of an Airport Operations Disclosure Ordinance will be required in order to prevent those residing in the Airport Public Safety District from complaining about airport operations and possibly cause the closure of a facility.

The committee was very pleased with the maps generated by Gene Wyllson and specifically commended him on his work.

In conclusion, the previous meeting minutes were reviewed and approved. The following meeting has been scheduled for August 15th, 2012 at 9:00am in the Commissioner's Hearing Rm of the Grainger Bldg.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Dalana Potter
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