

**AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
FOR JANUARY 19, 2021
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE**

MEMBERS PRESENT

1. Marco Barros
2. Vaughn Caudill
3. Charnelle Chin
4. Frank Cruz
5. Mark Fessler, Chairman
6. John Grisell
7. Marsha Hendler, Secretary
8. Earl Jackson, Jr., Vice Chairman
9. Maureen McCann
10. Valerie Peak
11. Aurelina Prado
12. Diane Rath
13. Tripp Riedel

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

1. Les Hobgood
2. Deborah Omowale Jarmon
3. Ed Onwe
4. Landon Phillips

VISITORS

1. Christine Rajpal, Senior Architect, Jacobs

CITY STAFF

- Jesus H. Saenz, Jr. IAP, Director of Airports
- Nicole Fowles, Sr. Special Projects Manager/Board Liaison
- Mark Triesch, City Attorney
- Jennifer Pysher, Chief Commercial Officer
- David Robbins, Chief Development Officer
- Michael Garnier, Chief Budget and Administration Officer
- Syed Mehdi, Chief Strategy and Innovation Officer
- Dennis Fiemeyer, Construction and Development Manager
- Karen Ellis, Chief Customer Service Office

Chairman Mark Fessler called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m. After a quorum was established, roll call was taken on the videoconference. Mr. Fessler asked the Board Liaison if there were any Public Comments to share with the Commission. It was noted that no comments were received.

Mr. Fessler asked the Commission members if they had reviewed the minutes from the November 17, 2020 teleconference meeting. No changes were noted and a motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded. The Commissioners voted to accept the approval of the minutes.

Aviation Department Director Jesus Saenz wished the Commission members a happy new year's and introduced three new members to the Aviation Department:

- Chief Commercial Officer Jennifer Mills Pysher: Ms. Pysher, who began in November 2020, most recently served as the Airports Business Development Manager with Uber. Prior to that, she served as the Properties and Airport Affairs Manager for American Airlines.

- Chief Development Officer David Robbins: Mr. Robbins, who began earlier this month, most recently served as the Project Administrator for Design and Construction for the \$8.5 billion O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP) at the Chicago Department of Aviation. He has served in a variety of positions at O'Hare and with the Wayne County Department of Airports (home of Detroit International Airport).
- Chief Budget and Administration Officer Michael Garnier: Michael, who also began in November 2020, recently retired from Southwest Airlines where he served as the Senior Regional Leader for Airport Affairs.

Mr. Saenz then introduced the next topic for consideration an update on the Strategic Development Plan and the development of Design Standards for the San Antonio Airport System. Chief Strategy and Innovation Officer Syed Mehdi presented the Commission members with the update on the Strategic Development Plan, reviewing the preliminary preferred 20-year airfield layout, terminal facilities survey results and the overall schedule of the plan. Mr. Saenz added that the survey information was important to ensure the consultants heard from airport users on what they would like to incorporate into future terminal facilities. Commissioner Earl Jackson, Jr. asked about work on Runway 13R and potential impact on military operations. Mr. Saenz said work performed on Runway 13R and 13L would be coordinated with the FAA.

Construction and Development Manager Dennis Fiemeyer introduced the development of design standards presentation by indicating that the current facilities at San Antonio International Airport did not provide a sense of San Antonio to passengers when they arrived at the airport. He noted that the Airport had tasked Jacobs, one of its on-call General Engineering Consultants, to first identify what is meant by a sense of place for San Antonio and then develop a design visioning book that will be given to design engineers and consultants when the airport system initiates new facilities. Mr. Fiemeyer asked the Commission members to please provide input following the presentation to let the team know the proposed design standards was aligned with what the Commission members felt represented San Antonio. He introduced Christine Rajpal, Senior Engineer and Buildings Delivery Leader for Jacobs, who briefed the commission members on the process of developing the design principles. Ms. Rajpal discussed the idea of a distinct airport district and how this process aligned with the Strategic Development Plan. She explained the process of developing the proposed principals from concepts to key phrases to design elements.

Commission members offered the following comments or questions:

- The design principal presentation was incredible especially the research. Well-done. What was your approach capturing [this type of information]?
 - Ms. Rajpal: We met with various committees and organizations. As we have presented our results, we haven't received any comments that our proposed principals were not aligned with the community's thoughts.
- Ms. Rajpal confirmed that the most photos were not from the airport or Visit San Antonio but from the internet.
 - Mr. Fiemeyer noted that participants in the visioning sessions were asked to bring images that the individual felt reflected the San Antonio region.
- Thank you for all the work to develop a sense of place – hat's off to those involved in these efforts.
- What an impressive presentation.

- On the Strategic Development Plan, it looks like there will be different phrases when the new projects become operational?
 - Our consultants will develop a phasing and implementation program that will be part of the plan when it is presented to City Council for approval and then submitted to the FAA. The identified projects will then be incorporated into the Capital Improvement Program for the next five to 10 years.
 - Our recovery from COVID will help determine the dates. We need to be flexible in our funding strategy for the implementation of new projects.

Mr. Fessler asked the Commission members if they had any questions on the monthly reports. No questions were asked. Mr. Saenz encouraged Commission members to participate in the Noise Exposure Maps workshops that were being held virtually. Mr. Fessler thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

This meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.