

Minutes
of the
Montgomery County Airport Advisory Board
meeting held August 14, 2017

Members in Attendance:

Howard Kravetz, Chairman
Kate Laukien
Bill Wingo
Gary Yount

Members Absent:

Randy Martin
Barkley Spikes

Staff:

James Brown, Airport Director
Mary Wilson, Board Secretary

Others in Attendance:

Vickie Croston
Bryan Luther
Brandon Ray
Steve Ratcliff
Tanya Pino

There being a quorum present the meeting came to order at 4:32 pm.

1. Consider approval of the July 10, 2017 regular meeting minutes. Mr. Yount made the motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Wingo seconded the motion.
2. Citizen/Tenant Comments. Marla Aiello, with Chennault Flying Tiger Academy distributed the new flying school's brochure.
3. Airport Tenant / User Survey. Mr. Brown advised he has created an online survey in an attempt to receive feedback from the airport tenants and users. Mr. Brown stated he is hoping the survey will let him know what areas need his focus and he encouraged all to complete the survey.

Mr. Wingo asked about wildlife on the airport. Mr. Brown stated that staff continues to trap hogs but there have been no reports of wild life on the runways recently.

Mr. Wingo stated he would like to see lower fuel pricing on the airport. Mr. Brown stated there is nothing he can do about fuel prices since the county does not sell the fuel. Mr. Brown stated he would like to see the FBOs to do more promotions to encourage more flying and attract more customers. Bryan Luther with Galaxy FBO stated that Galaxy participates in Fly Buys through World Fuel for Wing Points.

4. Airport Update. Mr. Brown presented the July airport updates and those updates are attached and made a part of these minutes.

Bob Wright asked where the staging area will be located for the Parallel taxiway project. Mr. Brown advised the staging area for this project will be located on Hawthorn Rd and the area of Taxiway F and G. Mr. Brown stated he anticipates some closures during the construction project but plans on mitigating closures as much as possible.

Mr. Yount asked about the AOPA Fly-in to be held at the airport. Mr. Brown stated he would like to reach out to AOPA and request they make their presentation before the board regarding an airport event to be held in 2019. Mr. Brown also stated he would like to see a sub-committee formed to work with AOPA and local vendors. Vickie Croston volunteered to reach out to AOPA.

Mrs. Croston advised Challenge Air will be held in the fall of 2018.

Chairman Kravetz referred to the flyer which was provided by the Chennault Flying Tigers Academy and expressed concern for their plans to contract with foreign students. Chairman Kravetz stated there is concern for the language barrier. Mr. Brown stated he has discussed this concern with the flight school manager and has encouraged him to meet with the tower manager before instruction begins.

There being no further business Mr. Yount made the motion to adjourn. Mrs. Laukien seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 5:03 pm.

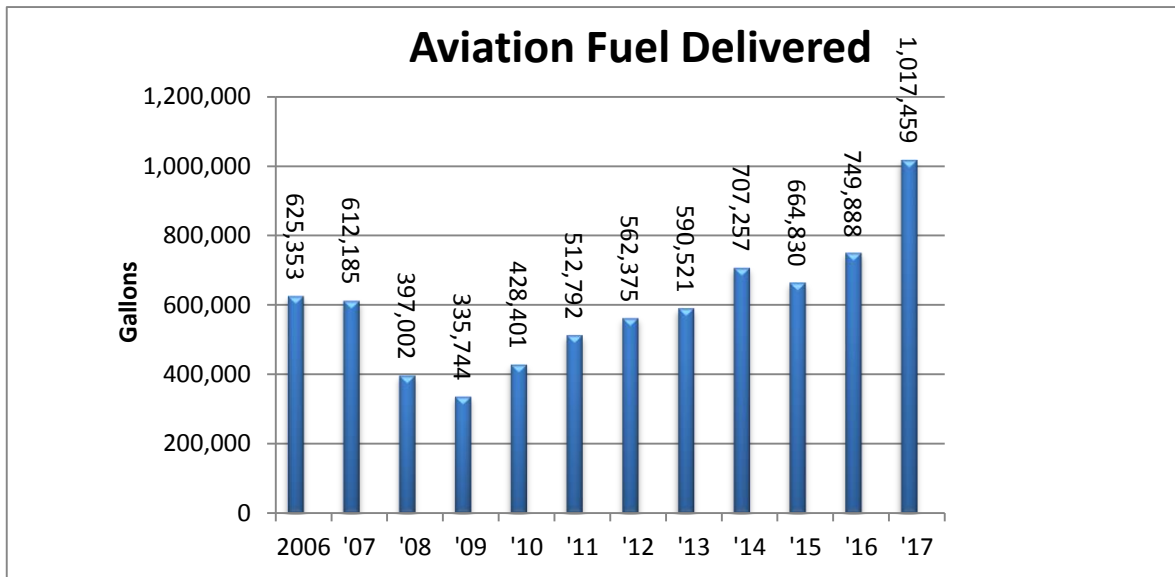
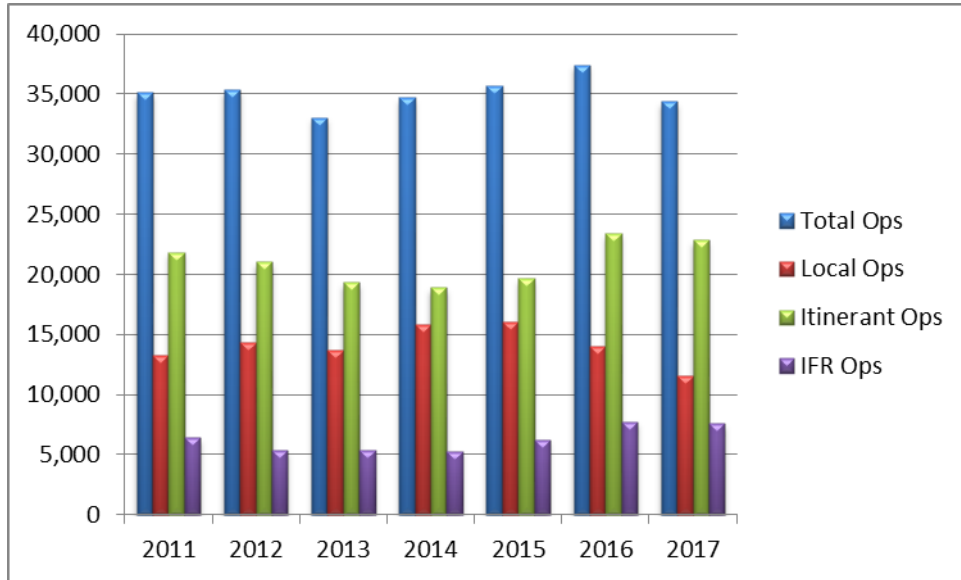
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Update (August 2017)

Air Traffic Numbers, Tower Operation

- 2017 Operations Counts Through July 2017
 - Total ops: 34,401 Local ops 34% Itinerant 66%, IFR 22%
 - vs. 2016: Total Ops -8% Local -18% Itinerant -2% IFR -2%
 - vs. 2015: Total Ops 4% Local -28% Itinerant 16% IFR 21%



Customs Activity

- Sept – YTD aircraft clearings: 142

Other Airport Projects and Tenant News

- South Perimeter Road Project – in design with consultant
- Parallel Taxiway Project – Out for bid. Bid opening is Aug. 16th
- Runway Cleaning/remarking project – Bid should be awarded next Court

CALENDAR:

Airport Advisory Board Meeting Monday, September 11, 1630 hours – Lone Star Convention Center
Airport tenant- user survey due by October 2, 2017