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AD HOC AIRPORT REGIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY
SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 2008
SAN DIEGO MARRIOTT HOTEL & MARINA

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sanders called the Ad Hoc Airport Regional Policy Committee meeting to order at 8:06 a.m., Saturday, August 2, 2008, at the San Diego Marriott Hotel & Marina, 333 West Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92101.

ROLL CALL:

City of San Diego

PRESENT: Committee Members: Mayor Jerry Sanders, Steve Peace
 Alternate: Councilmember Jim Madaffer
ABSENT: None

San Diego County Regional Airport Authority

PRESENT: Committee Members: Board Member Alan Bersin,
 Board Member Jim Desmond
 Alternate: Board Member Charlene Zettel,
 Board Member Bruce Boland
ABSENT: None

San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG)

PRESENT: Committee Members: Board Member Mary Sessom,
 Board Member Jack Dale
ABSENT: None

Port of San Diego

PRESENT: Committee Members: Commissioner Michael Bixler,
 Commissioner Steve Cushman
 Alternate: Commissioner Dukie Valderrama
ABSENT: None

County of San Diego

PRESENT: Committee Members: Supervisor Ron Roberts, Supervisor
 Greg Cox
ABSENT: None

Metropolitan Transit System

PRESENT: Alternate: Board Member Jerry Rindone
ABSENT: Committee Member: Board Member Harry Mathis

North County Transit District

PRESENT: Committee Member: Board Member Julianne Nygaard
 Alternate: Board Member Bob Campbell
ABSENT: None

United States Department of Defense

PRESENT: Alternate: Lt. Colonel Jeff Koffel
ABSENT: Committee Member: Col. Chris O'Connor

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

SUHAIL KHALIL, SAN DIEGO, Peninsula Community Planning Board, stated that there is a Point Loma town hall meeting in the Portuguese Hall on September 23, 2008. He stated that he hoped that Mayor Sanders, Chairperson Bersin, and President/CEO Thella Bowens would attend and state their vision for Destination Lindbergh.

COMMITTEE STAFF COMMENT:

DISCUSSION OF ITEMS AND REPORTS:

ITEMS – 1–5, which included: 1. Discussion Item – Introduction, Including Workshop Objectives and Background Information; 2. Discussion Item – Passenger Terminal/Intermodal Transportation Center Concepts; 3. Discussion Item – Airport Concepts; 4. Discussion Item – Concept Integration and Review; and 5. Discussion Item – Conclusions and Next Steps were heard together in one presentation.

Holland Young, Jacobs Consultancy, provided a presentation that included the Workshop Agenda and Objectives, Alternatives Development Process, Planning Activity Levels, Establishing Development Triggers, Airport Planning Approach, Balanced vs. Unbalanced Capacity, Assumptions and Considerations for the Terminal/Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC) and Airside, Draft Requirements, and Terminal and ITC Concepts.

Board Member Sessom expressed concern that there is not enough land on the current airport site to build the ITC. She stated that she had hoped the workshop would be more focused on offsite opportunities.

Board Member Rindone stated that land options need to be looked at with an Intermodal Transportation Center incorporating high speed rail. He stated that additional land may be needed to accommodate such a facility and should be considered.

Mr. Peace expressed concern that what was being presented is designed to lead someone to a specific conclusion.

Commissioner Bixler stated that the representatives from the Port District are participating in the meetings with a spirit of cooperation and openness. He further stated that if a decision is made which involves land owned by the Port District, the land would be sold at fair market price.

Joe Barton, HNTB, and Bill Dunlay, Jacobs Consultancy, provided a presentation on Passenger Terminal/Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC) Concepts, which included Airfield Concepts, Pros and Cons of Alternatives, Terminal/ITC Concepts 1-6 and A-F, and Next Steps.

The Committee engaged in a lengthy discussion regarding the pros and cons of Concepts 1-6 and Concepts A-F.

In response to Supervisor Roberts regarding when the Teledyne Ryan property could be discussed, Mr. Young stated that because the Port District is in the process of cleaning up the property environmentally and that the terms of the settlement do not allow any planning for this property at this time.

The Committee recessed at 9:25 a.m. and resumed at 9:45 a.m.

Commissioner Cushman stated that the TDY issue is a legal problem. He stated that the language in the lawsuit states that the airport has no plans for the land. He further stated that it makes no sense to work on planning without discussing this piece of land. He stated that this Committee is independent and does not represent the Port District or the Airport Authority. He further stated that the Port District staff would not participate in the discussion. He stated that the discussion is needed to ensure all concepts are considered.

Mr. Young stated that if the land at TDY was available, support facilities such as cargo, general aviation and fuel could be placed in that area. He also stated that additional gates could also be considered for that area.

Mr. Peace stated that Lindbergh Field's life cycle is driven by operational capacity and future demands. He stated that equipment mix trends have been predicted by Boeing, and he requested that the consultants review them. He further stated that the equipment mix can increase the life of an airport.

Board Member Rindone stated that it is important to discuss high speed rail, as well as regular rail.

Lt. Col. Koffel stated that Airfield Concept E is the only one that will work for the Marines. He stated that the Marine Corps land identified in Concept B is not available.

Supervisor Roberts stated that concepts cannot be ruled out because of traffic. He stated that the Committee needs to decide what level of traffic service is desired.

Board Member Bersin suggested that Concept 6 be removed from the list of options. The Committee concurred.

Board Member Sessom stated that policy considerations from the various jurisdictions represented on the Committee are needed. She stated that a 10 gate expansion and an Intermodal Transportation Center is a huge investment for the region. She further stated that where the gates are located is vital.

Councilmember Madaffer stated that the discussion has been extremely beneficial, and it is one of the most comprehensive discussions ever held regarding Lindbergh Field. He stated that a detailed fiscal analysis is needed for the various parcels of land that are being discussed. He questioned if the airport footprint should be expanded. He further stated that a dialogue is needed with the Marines.

Lt. Col. Koffel stated that Concepts 4 and 5 should not be lumped together and need to be analyzed separately because Concept 4 assumes the use of MCRD property.

Mr. Young recapped the day's discussions, which included: Removing Concept 6 from further consideration; Analyze phasing schemes for Concept 4 (incorporating Concept 2) and Concept 5 (incorporating Concept 3); Staff from regional agencies to review ITC data, consideration should include how it will work with the Airport and the surrounding region and community; Review of the corridor around Pacific Highway; and Provide additional information pertaining to I-5 access.

JAMES MOORE, SAN DIEGO, spoke regarding his support of the ITC concept. He also stated that the Cell Phone Lot is very helpful.

RICH MARTINDELL, SAN DIEGO, stated that no mention was made of general aviation needs. He also spoke regarding the need for a precision approach.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 28, 2008, at 7:15 a.m., in the Board Room at the San Diego International Airport, Commuter Terminal, 3225 N. Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92101.