

JAXEX Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

When: October 14, 2014

Time: 9:00 AM

Where: JAXEX Executive Conference Room

Committee Members and Attendees: List available upon request.

Tiffany Gillem, JAXEX Airport Manager, opened the meeting at 9:00 AM welcoming everyone and asking each person to introduce him or herself.

Debbie Jones, JAA's Community Relations Administrator, provided the Jacksonville Aviation Authority (JAA) system update:

Cecil Airport

- The new Flightstar hangar at Cecil Airport is being completed and may open in December. It will bring many jobs to the area.

Herlong Recreational Airport

- Normal operations.

Jacksonville International Airport

- The annual fish fry will be held at Jacksonville International Airport (JAX) this Friday and all are invited. An event flyer was distributed to the attendees.
- Several airports have been identified by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to conduct additional screening for Ebola. At this time, JAX has not received any directives to change any screening protocols.
- The airport will be receiving new scanning machines for the baggage system.
- The moving walkway is being worked on.
- The observation area has been well received by the public.
- The October 1st Mass Casualty Drill was a success. The lessons learned from the 2013 airport evacuation were implemented and the interagency collaboration made the drill go smoothly.
- A comment was made by one of the meeting participants that the Courtesy Waiting Lot is very helpful.

Ms. Gillem then presented the JAXEX update:

- A copy of the JAA media advisory and the JAXEX individual economic impact report was distributed. Ms. Gillem commented that this was an update to the 2010 statewide report that was completed by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). JAA's annual economic impact increased from \$2.9 to \$3.1 billion dollars.

In addition, the FDOT website (<http://www.dot.state.fl.us/aviation/economicimpact.shtm>) was provided for those interested in reviewing the summary reports for all the Florida airports that participated in the study.

- Wildlife sightings continue to be recorded and a chart depicting the type of species and sighting frequency was reviewed. A question was asked regarding whether or not the airport personnel harass the geese to keep them away from the airfield. The response was yes and that other measures can be used if they pose a threat to operations. One of the participants recommended the use of a Goosinator. This equipment has been effectively used at several golf courses around town to keep geese away from certain areas.
- The airport has been contacted by one of the contractors working on the new Belk Store on Atlantic Blvd. (near the Academy Sports) about their use of a crane the week of October 20th. The airport tower personnel has been notified.
- The drainage work near the golf course has been completed and we are approaching the end of the airfield cutting season.
- A question was asked about the status of the replanting on Monument Rd. Ms. Gillem advised that the landscape contract had not been awarded but expected it to be done within the next 60 days and commented that a “No Mow Zone” is established so that the area begins to grow back naturally. Also, Mr. Fountain provided her with contact information for an organization that provides trees and could do landscaping if necessary.
- The following reminders were mentioned: 1) minutes from the JAXEX Advisory Committee meetings are posted on the flyjaxex.com website, and 2) committee members are welcome to provide handouts or send Ms. Gillem any information they would like to share with the group.

Ms. Gillem then opened the meeting up for committee input.

Debbie Jones reminded everyone that JAX does behind the scenes tours and to contact her if anyone was interested in scheduling a group tour.

Roger Studenski, JAA's Risk Management Administrator, reminded everyone to be careful with space heaters and candles during the holiday season. He mentioned that batteries should be checked in your smoke detectors and if the smoke detector is over eight years old it should be replaced. Furthermore, be alert and careful at shopping centers and with online shopping.

Marshall Wood with Malone AirCharter commented that the market for charter operation continues to grow and we are missing out on revenue by not extending the runway at JAXEX. This airport is critical to the aviation system and the FAA knows this. He is making this point as often as he can and to as many people as he can.

Ms. Gillem mentioned to the committee that she owed them the following items 1) minutes from the last month's JAXEX Advisory meeting, 2) minutes from the September Greater Arlington & Beaches CPAC meeting, and 3) the most recent FDOT Lane Closure Report.

There being no further business, the next meeting was scheduled for November 18th at 9:00 AM.

Respectively Submitted,
Lara Hipps