

JANUARY 13, 2022

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Commissioner Vaughn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:**
  - a. **Present:** Gary Cooper, Sharanjit Dhillon, Tim Silva, Alvin Vaughn
  - b. **Absent:** Rajnish Khanna
  - c. **Staff Present:** Paula Jessup, Airport Manager; Jayne Pramod, Transit Coordinator
  - d. **Recorded By:** Jayne Pramod, Transit Coordinator
3. **ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** None
4. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 9, 2021**
  - a) **Motion to Approve:** Commissioner Silva
  - b) **Second:** Commissioner Cooper
  - c) **Abstain:** None
  - d) **Vote:** Approved by unanimous vote
5. **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - a. **Provide Input on Airport Needs Through FY 2027:** Airport Manager, Paula Jessup provided an outline on the undergoing Airport Master Plan Update and addressed the requirement of documenting input from airport and residential community on current or future needs as part of the process. Public provided the following comments and requests; John Moore, President of Tracy Airport Association, requested for a wash area, oil dump facility, additional hangars, larger pilot lounge with amenities and a place to conduct airplane sales. Richard Ortenheim, Skyview Aviation, addressed the need to increase revenue at the airport by improving aviation business, make permitting easier for business, suggested a propeller shop or a restaurant at the airport and a safe road to the airport. Sunny Sethi, Tracy resident and pilot, thanked for the opportunity and expressed his support to other speakers. He appreciates what the airport has offered but the disconnect between the list of items provided by the Airport Manager and concerns presented by airport users differ. He stated the security camera on the list is not a priority but having a plane wash area and better road to the airport will benefit airport users. Suggested having regular communication to address airport needs. John Hollis, Tracy Airport Association, Tracy resident and pilot, commented on the good airport safety, unsafe hangar electrical, hazardous oil waste, and unsafe road access to the airport. Jose Suez, airport hangar and plane owner, addressed the need for water access on south side, wash rack, basic necessities other airports provide, oil disposal service, regular sweeping of taxiways, tumble weed abatement, proper light post on south ramp, trash can at the fuel island and safe road access to the airport. Nicolas De Rico, Tracy resident, pilot and hangar tenant, addressed his appreciation for having an airport that he can utilize and the close proximity to ACE Station accommodates option to commute by plane or train to work. Denny Presley, Tracy resident and hangar owner, acknowledged Paula Jessup, Airport Manager, for accomplishing great things at the airport and addressed his major concern regarding the unsafe road access to the airport and careless drivers being a challenge and threat to public safety.

Paula Jessup addressed the comments and questions and Commission thanked attendees for providing inputs.

- b. Review and Provide Input on the Annual Commission Report to City Council:** Commission reviewed the draft Annual Report of the Transportation Advisory Commission to City Council, motion by Commissioner Cooper to receive the report with an amendment to list October 30, 2021 event at the airport was second by Commissioner Silva and approved by all.

**6. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:**

Commissioner Cooper: Thanked all those who participated and provided input regarding the airport and thanked Richard Ortenheim, Skyview Aviation for participating and staying back.

Commissioners Silva and Dhillon: Seconded Commissioner Cooper's comments and thanked airport attendees for taking time to address their needs.

**7. ITEMS FROM STAFF:**

- a. Airport Projects Update:** Paula Jessup, Airport Manager, provided airport updates on completed projects and information on Airport Layout Plan and the first public outreach held today. Commission questions and comments on marketing the public outreach was addressed by Staff.

Richard Ortenheim, Skyview Aviation, addressed the importance of having more meetings regarding airport, marketing the airport, and making it viable. He mentioned the importance of utilizing input and feedback received from today's meeting. He also provided his experience operating flight school and pilot training. Commission comments followed.

- b. Transit Ridership and Performance Update:** Jayne Pramod, Transit Coordinator, provided updates on ridership. Commission comments and questions followed. Richard Ortenheim enquired about the ridership status during free ride months.

**8. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** None

**9. ADJOURNMENT TO NEXT REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 10, 2022**

- a. Motion to Adjourn:** Commissioner Cooper  
**b. Second:** Commissioner Silva  
**c. Vote:** Approved by unanimous vote  
**d. Time:** 7:58 p.m.

The above agenda was posted at Tracy City Hall on December 2, 2021. The above are action minutes. A full recording of the meeting is available by contacting the City Clerk's Office.



---

Ed Lovell, Staff Liaison