Approved: June 16, 2016

CITY OF ALBANY
AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION
Santiam Room-Albany City Hall
Thursday, April 21, 2016
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Commission Members Present:	John Harshberger, Judge Roark, Heath Kasper, John Pascone, Richard Kay (left at 4:30 p.m.), Chuck Kratch
Commission Members Absent:	Mike Newman (excused), one vacancy
Staff Present:	Chris Bailey, Public Works Director of Operations, Irene Mann, PW Executive Assistant
Others Present:	Dan Miltenberger, Tony Hann, Gar Burroughs, Jason Obersinner

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kasper called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

With one change, (a correction of she to he), the minutes of the March 16, 2016, Airport Advisory Commission (AAC) meeting were unanimously approved by a vote of 6-0.

DISCUSSION WITH NATIONAL GUARD REPRESENTATIVE

Chair Kasper introduced U.S. Army National Guard representative Jason Obersinner. Obersinner provided information about his company and what they could do at the Airport. The Local Training Agreement (LTA) contains information on the scope of the work they could perform at the Airport. The Commission is interested in smoothing out the grassy area on the east side of the existing runway. Since it is considered new construction, there are legal, environmental, and archeological obstacles. The training schedule is usually created a year in advance. The agreement letter was signed by Mark Shepard in 2014, so the Guard would like a current signed agreement letter with requested scope of work. Obersinner said his group could perform work projects but were not allowed to purchase anything. Bailey said she will prepare and sign the agreement letter.

MID-VALLEY SHOOTOUT PROPOSAL

Hann introduced James Brooks – Brooks' son works for the Fixed Base Operator (FBO). Brooks introduced himself and explained how and his family is involved in racing cars. He distributed a proposal for a race called a 'heads-up' or 'grunge' race. He read through his proposal and explained how the race worked and how it could bring revenue to the community and have a large, positive economic impact to the Albany area. He answered questions from staff and the Commission. Brooks said that McMinnville Airport is testing this type of race in their community. He said there is an 11-page application and insurance for the race is high. He said his group takes care of everything so it becomes a turn-key event. $5,000-10,000 could be returned back to the Airport after all their expenses. Brooks said tire marks on the runway are the only 'damage'.

The race would be a one-day, invitation only, approximately 64 cars, with no disruption of airport operations, and would offer monetary awards.

Bailey said maybe – it would need Federal Aviation (FAA) approval since Albany has a single active runway.

The Commission members were supportive of the race. Bailey said she would follow – up and discuss it with the City Council and bring it back to the Commission later this summer.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Harshberger asked about the stormwater pollution plan in the Master Plan Update. Commissioner Kratch asked about the additional hangars at the Airport. Bailey said she would forward the study made by the Willamette University students a few years ago to Commissioner Kratch.

Commissioner Kasper asked for a written description of the Airport. Bailey said she bring a map showing the location.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Miltenberger saw weed spraying being done and said thank you – it was a good time to spray. Hann brought up the discussion of Jet A fuel.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 19, 2016, at 3:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at Albany City Hall in the Santiam Room.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Irene Mann
Public Works Executive Assistant