

**San Benito County
AIRPORT LAND USE COMMISSION
MEETING**

January 17, 2008 2:00 P.M.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Pike, Director Botelho, Director Edge, Director Marcus, and Alternate Valdivia

STAFF PRESENT:

Deputy County Counsel, Shirley Murphy; Executive Director, Lisa Rheinheimer, Transportation Planning Manager, Mary Dinkuhn; Administrative Services Specialist, Kathy Postigo; Transportation Planner, Veronica Lezama; Transportation Planner, Betty Li; Secretary, Monica Gomez

A. Certificate of Posting

Upon a motion duly made by Director Valdivia, and seconded by Director Botelho, the Directors unanimously approved the Certificate of Posting.

B. Public Comment: Opportunity to address the Board on items of interest not appearing on the agenda. No action may be taken unless provided by Govt. Code sec. 54954.2. Speakers are limited to 3 minutes.

**Ruth Erickson, Hollister
Airmen's Association**

Ms. Erickson suggested putting the Agenda together similar to how the City does. Closed session would be first at a noted time and the regular agenda will start at a certain time. This allows members of the public to arrive at a specific time for the regular agenda.

Chair Pike noted that he had a similar discussion with the Executive Director.

C. Elect ALUC Chairperson for 2008

Upon a motion duly made by Director Botelho, and seconded by Director Valdivia, the Directors elected Brad Pike as ALUC's Chairperson for 2008

D. Elect ALUC Vice Chairperson for 2008

Upon a motion duly made by Director Marcus, and seconded by Director Valdivia, the Directors elected Anthony Botelho as ALUC's Vice Chairperson for 2008.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approve ALUC Meeting Minutes dated December 13, 2007 – Gomez

Upon a motion duly made by Director Valdivia, and seconded by Director Botelho, the Directors approved Item # 1.

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. Consider Increasing Airport Land Use Commission Membership to include Two (2) Individuals with Aviation Experience

Executive Director Lisa Rheinheimer stated that ALUC received a request from Ruth Erickson of the Hollister Airmen's Association to increase Commission membership to include two individuals with aviation experience.

PUBLIC COMMENT

**Ruth Erickson, Hollister
Airmen's Association**

Ms. Erickson stated that the California Airport Land Use Planning handbook explains that Commission membership includes the same members as COG but may also include two individuals with aviation experience.

Ms. Erickson stated that there has been more discussion about building near the airport and it would be beneficial to have individuals with aviation experience on the Commission. There are several people in the aviation community who are interested in serving on the Commission.

After discussion amongst the Board and staff, the Board decided that it is not necessary to increase Commission membership. However, Board members mentioned that having members of the public with aviation expertise readily available for their inquiries would be helpful.

Chair Pike noted that the City currently has an Airport Advisory Commission and the Board may discuss issues or utilize their expertise when necessary.

Upon a motion duly made by Director Botelho, and seconded by Director Valdivia, the Directors did not approve Item #7, however voted to utilize the City's Airport Advisory Commission's expertise when necessary.

3. Make Finding that Application Number UP 982-07 for a Proposed Project on San Felipe Frontage Road is Inconsistent with the Comprehensive Land Use Plan

Executive Director Lisa Rheinheimer stated that this item was continued from the January meeting; however, the applicant requested a continuance of this item to a date uncertain.

Ms. Rheinheimer advised the Board of two options; 1) continue and make a finding for this project or, 2) grant the continuance to a date uncertain. Ms. Rheinheimer noted that staff has concerns with granting a continuance because the Airport Land Use Plan states that the Commission will review applications within 45 days of the referral, unless the applicant agrees to sign a waiver allowing the Commission to make the determination at a date uncertain in the future.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

**Brad Sullivan
Lombardo & Gilles**

Mr. Sullivan, who represents the applicant, requested that the waiver includes the timeframe language as follows “the extension made at regular meeting of January 17, 2008 meeting”. Therefore, they do not waive a timeframe that has already expired.

Ms. Rheinheimer noted that COG staff received the final application December 10, 2007 and this is the date the “clock starts clicking”.

Mr. Sullivan stated that there is no reason to disbelieve staff; therefore they should be able to sign the waiver and have it returned to staff.

**Deane Judd
Hollister, CA**

Mr. Judd commended Transportation Planner Veronica Lezama for a “tremendous job” on the staff report she completed.

Mr. Judd stated that another issue with the proposed asphalt plant project is that there may be heated containers which would create rising columns of hot air in the final approach path for runway 31 which is dangerous.

Mr. Judd mentioned that the staff report appeared to be based on the current threshold however, the Hollister Airport Manager is trying to move the threshold 900 ft. south, and if he succeeds it will create more problems.

Chair Pike closed public comment.

County Counsel Shirley Murphy suggested that if the Board opted to grant the continuance the applicant should sign a waiver which states, “to a date uncertain, subject to and conditioned upon the applicants agreement to the extension and waiver of rights as set forth herein, with the signed form to be returned by January 22, 2008”.

Upon a motion duly made by Director Marcus, and seconded by Director Botelho, the Director’s voted to grant the continuance with the above noted recommendation by County Counsel.

Upon a motion duly made by Director Marcus, and seconded by Director Valdivia, the Director’s voted to adjourn the ALUC Meeting.

ADJOURN TO ALUC MEETING ON THURSDAY FEBRUARY 21, 2008 AT 2:00 P.M. AGENDA DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 13, 2008 AT 12:00 P.M.