

Redlands Airport Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

February 20th, 2025
City Council Chambers
City of Redlands

Board Members Present

Jason Golembeski, Chair Michael Allen, Vice Chair
Richard Jones, Board Member Amber Harrison, Board Member
Val Dotchkov, Board Member Robert Pearce Board Member
Dennis Nodine Excused
Mark Shaw, City Council Member - AAB Liaison

Staff Member Present: Don Crow

1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM
- b. Attendance
- c. Pledge of Allegiance
- d. Chair Golembeski motioned to excuse Member Harrison from the AAB meeting. Member Nodine 2nd, all members approved.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. Cindy Gablin – Announced the Redlands Airport Association will be hosting the “Spring Fling Fly-In” on April 12th, 11A-2P, There will be a fly-in, barbeque, and historical aircraft display. It will be posted on social media and invite the local community. Expect 80 people and 7 historical aircraft. Cindy confirmed with Don Crow that a Special Events application and insurance will be required.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. November 21, 2024 – Approved with corrections to:
 - i. Attachment A: 2 Public Comments - corrected spelling of “Cindy” and “plane”
 - ii. Attachment A: 4 Communications (i)(d)(i) corrected “ALUP”

4. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Reports from Staff – Don Crow
 - i. Operations and Administration
 1. Redlands Municipal Airport Operations Report provided in attachment A to the Agenda.
 2. Administration - In the 1st round of interviews for the replacement of the Airport Manager. There are 8 candidates in the 1st round. In the meantime, airport admin and maintenance is being run through Don Crow’s staff.
 - ii. Maintenance Update
 1. Don Crow confirmed Staff will try to maintain a daily FOD check of rwy/twy.
 2. Don Crow confirmed that damaged runup area signage has been replaced; PAPI has been repaired; and runway signs were being

- iii. Expressed dissatisfaction that the paper member Harrison prepared which detailed concerns with the FAA expansion of SBD Class D airspace had not been submitted to the FAA on behalf of the AAB. Don Crow shared that the AAB does not have the responsibility to advise beyond the City Council. Member Harrison expressed dismay that we missed the opportunity to inform the FAA on critical issues on behalf of the City of Redlands. General discussion amongst Board members ensued. City Council Member Shaw shared that time sensitive issues can be turned around with City Council administration to get it on the City Council Agenda in two weeks. Member Pearce shared history of similar opportunities missed to inform the FAA of dangerous modifications to surrounding Redlands Airport airspace.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. No new business.

6. Old Business

- a. KREI airspace changes discussion
 - i. Board discussion of the impact to REI pattern traffic with newly published SBD RNAV IFR and VFR approaches designed for heavy commercial aircraft approaches to SBD RWY 24. Don Crow shared that the FAA conducted a safety review for the IFR approach that aligned closely with the review conducted for the visual approach. Member consensus is that these new FAA approved approaches represent a danger to light GA aircraft operating in and around REI, particularly with the wing vortices generated by the heavy commercial aircraft and lack of separation with light GA aircraft. Public comments from Ted Gablin shared that there have been recent incidents of near misses with departing SBD heavy traffic in REI airspace. AAB is considering drafting a letter of concern to be submitted to City Council.

7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING.

- a. RAA sponsored Compass Rose project.
- b. Member Allen recommended further discussion of SBD Airspace expansion and conflict with REI airspace to provide recommendations to City Council for mitigations to potential conflicts with heavy commercial traffic operating under SBD control.

8. Board member comments

- a. Chair Golembesky thanked Member Allen for presenting the Annual Report to the City Council.
- b. Chair Golembeski, thanked City Council Member and AAB Liaison for attending tonight's meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

- a. Adjournment - 6:28 PM
- b. Next Meeting - 4/17/2025 6:00 PM