

Auburn Municipal Airport Planning – June 20, 2006

Auburn Aviation Association / City of Auburn Airport Development Plan Meeting June 20, 2006

TO:

Evan Wolfe, president, Auburn Aviation Association
Robert Richardson, Auburn City Manager
Robert Snyder, Auburn City Council
Jerry Martin, manager, Auburn Municipal Airport
Members of the Auburn Aviation Association and interested parties

We held our third airport development plan meeting this date with Don Anderson, Glen Hartliep, Larry Adair, Gary Vogt, airport manager Jerry Martin, city councilman Bob Snyder, and facilitator Wayne Manning present.

This purpose of this meeting was to take one or more of the areas for development identified at the last meeting (Hangars, General Services, and FBO Services) and further define the steps required for implementation. The group began with Hangars, specifically those on the East End.

Here is the current status:

- One bid was received for the grant eligible infrastructure work on the East End which was higher than the grant monies available. The city is working with the bidder now to adjust the scope of the project to fit the monies available.
- It is Jerry Martin's understanding that an additional \$300,000 is available to apply to this project (in addition to the \$600,000 already approved) if we can award a contract by August 1.

A crucial piece for East End hangar development is a water line from the current tap point near the end of New Airport Road through the Denham property and onto the East End. A loose cost estimate, based on 60 hangars, is \$10,000 average per hangar. The group identified the most logical public hangar sites as those east of the PG&E easement (shown on the Master Plan figure 4-B) and the private hangar sites would be west of that easement. Two possible strategies emerged:

Strategy #1:

- Develop an RFP for an investor/developer to build all (or a portion) of the public hangars, including the access road and water line.
- Open up private hangar sites to owners for private development. Some might opt to contract with the public hangar developer separately to build their private hangar.

Strategy #2:

- Approach and recruit an owner who wants to build one of the larger private hangars to begin building, including fronting the money for the access road and water line on a reimbursement schedule.

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The group identified four action items for immediate implementation:

1. Bob Snyder will meet with Jack Warren (City Public Works) regarding the August 1 deadline for the combined grants and how to meet this schedule.
2. Bob Snyder will talk with Jack Warren (City Public Works) about the design and cost of the water line from New Airport Road to the East End.
3. Jerry Martin and Bob Richardson will develop an RFP for investors/developers to build the public hangars, road, and water line. We will review the RFP at our July 18th meeting.
4. Jerry Martin will prepare a “commitment advisory” for potential private hangar owners, regarding anticipated costs for water, should it be necessary that users front these costs. The advisory is to be given to Bob Richardson (City Manager) by July 7th for review and comment, with further review by this group at our July 18th meeting.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 18th at 6:30 p.m. in the Barnstormer building. We will review the action items above and further refine the steps required to implement hangar development on the East End.

Respectfully submitted,

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