



# Gillespie Field Development Council



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Phyllis Trombi  
*Chairwoman*

Bob Davison  
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Michael Rhea  
*Councilman*

John Morley  
*Councilman*

Barry Bardack  
*Councilman*

**MINUTES OF THE  
 GILLESPIE FIELD DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEETING  
 JULY 19, 2017**

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>STAFF PRESENT</u>
Phyllis Trombi	Peter Drinkwater
Michael Rhea	Rob Smuda
John Morley	Lee Ann Lardy
Barry Bardack	Cynthia Cole
	Lorie Maniss

For others present, sign-in sheet is available in the Administration Building office.

1. ROLL CALL

Chairwoman Phyllis Trombi called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Councilman Michael Rhea, Councilman John Morley, and Councilman Barry Bardack were all present. Vice Chair Bob Davison was absent.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA

There were no public comments.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairwoman Phyllis Trombi abstained from approval as she was not in attendance at the previous meeting. Councilman Michael Rhea motioned to approve the May 17, 2017 minutes. Councilman John Morley seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairwoman Phyllis Trombi opened discussion regarding changing dates of future meetings due to lack of parking caused by scheduled community events. Meeting dates will remain as scheduled and alternative parking map will be made available to attendees of meeting.

5. AIRPORT DIRECTOR UPDATE

Peter Drinkwater provided an update about advancements in electric aircraft technology and the future of Gillespie Field following a few informational videos.

6. REAL PROPERTY UPDATE

Lee Ann Lardy reported the current phase of the Cajon Air Center is over 95% complete and Phase II is on track to start construction in 2018 as scheduled. The FAA has granted remaining funding for Phase I, of \$1,067,550. Additionally, Airports is working with El Cajon Flying Service on a potential transfer and staff expects to have more information at the next meeting.

7. AIRPORT MANAGER UPDATE

Rob Smuda gave the Airport Manager's Report. In May there were 17,454 operations and 32 noise complaints from nine households; no complaints received from outside grid area. In June there were 17,566 operations and a total of 9 noise complaints from five households; no complaints received from outside grid area.

Mr. Smuda also reported on a question from the previous meeting regarding what the fuel flowage fee is for the City of Riverside, Riverside Municipal Airport. The cost is as follows: Prior to 2008 Riverside Municipal Airport had a fuel flowage fee of \$0.10. In 2008 the fee was waived in an effort to spur business. In 2012 the airport reestablished the fee but lowered it to \$0.05, which continues today for both AVGAS and JET A. Councilman Barry Bardack asked what the current rate was at Gillespie Field. Response was given by Ms. Lardy as \$0.06 for AVGAS and \$.08 for JET A. Chairwoman Phyllis Trombi asked to have an update in six months to one year to see what effect the fuel flowage rate increase has had on Gillespie Field.

8. GILLESPIE FIELD FINANCIAL UPDATE

Cynthia Cole gave a presentation on the Proposed Spending Plan for Gillespie Field for fiscal year 2017/18. Councilman Barry Bardack asked why Palomar Airport was no longer self-sufficient. Ms. Cole explained that they had recently lost a commercial airline. This was followed up with Ms. Lardy stating that they were trying to replace that loss with another airline.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COUNCIL FOR ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED DURING FUTURE GILLESPIE FIELD DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEETINGS

There were no recommendations.

10. OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Barry Bardack made a request at the previous meeting that the County purchase a plaque for Bob Dennis in honor of his contributions to Gillespie Field. Rob Smuda responded that staff had researched County Board Policies and Administrative Code as it relates to this request. Peter Drinkwater and Mr. Smuda presented two different options on how the plaque could be obtained within the County guidelines.

*Option 1- Gifts to the County:* The plaque would be provided by an individual or group and could be displayed in the Gillespie Field lobby.

*Option 2- Airport Enterprise Funds:* County funds could possibly be used, and would have to encompass a broader range, meaning more than just one individual.

After discussion, Chairwoman Phyllis Trombi suggested that the Council move forward with seeking an outside organization to provide the memorial plaque. This was agreed upon by all Council members.

11. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

12. ADJOURN

Chairwoman Phyllis Trombi adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m. The next meeting of the Gillespie Field Development Council will be at 6 p.m., Wednesday, September 20, 2017, in City Council Chambers, 200 Civic Center Way, El Cajon.

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