

AIRPORT COMMISSION
MEMORANDUM

Date: January 12, 2012

To: City Council

From: Chairperson
Lompoc Airport Commission

Subject: ANNUAL AIRPORT COMMISSION REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Pursuant to City Council's direction, the Airport Commission is pleased to submit its annual Airport Commission Report. The Commission unanimously approved this report at its regular meeting of March 8, 2012. The Commission met 5 times in calendar year 2011 and public attendance ranged to as many as 12. The Commission is happy to report the following list of significant accomplishments for this period.

Through the joint efforts of the Commission, the Aviation Community, and City Staff, the following noteworthy accomplishments were completed at the Lompoc Airport in the calendar year 2011:

- The 27th annual Piper Cub Fly-In was held on July 7-10, 2011, and was attended by more than 80 Cub aircraft from as far away as the State of Washington, about 20 other aircraft and approximately 1,800 local visitors.
- The airport web page was updated to provide current information for the aviation community, businesses, flying tourists, the addition of jet fuel availability and the community in general.
- Maintained and improved the airport infrastructure.
- Provided a safe facility for aircraft operations.
- Promoted a business friendly environment.
- Received exceptional airport condition and safety results from FAA and State inspections
- The jet fuel facility has generated more than \$149,000 in revenue for the airport in its fifth year of operation and has enabled the airport to service jet traffic from as far away as New York, Pennsylvania, Idaho and Florida.
- Promoted public awareness by offering displays of historic aircraft the 3rd Saturday of each month.

- Completed the Airport Master Plan update and received approval of the new Airport Layout Plan from the Federal Aviation Administration.
- Secured a grant, for up to \$316,863 from the Federal Aviation Administration for the resurfacing of George Miller Dr. and began project.

The following goals have been established for the Airport for 2012:

● **Aggressively encourage work to rezone the current zoning at the Airport to a specific Airport Zone that would allow more diverse development options.**

- Complete the resurfacing of George Miller Dr. This project is made possible with a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration. The total project cost is \$249,129.80 of which \$236,673.31 was paid for by the FAA, \$7,456.49 paid from local street funds and \$5,000 from Airport funds.
- To continue to encourage events and activities aimed at promoting favorable public relations that are of value and interest to the community.
- To secure a consulting Engineering firm to assist with Airport projects.
- To secure FAA funding and proceed with repaving the ramp areas of the Airport.
- To act as liaison between the City Council and the airport users.
- To continue to aggressively seek and acquire grant funds for development projects on Lompoc Airport.
- To continue to work closely with staff to promote the safe and efficient operation and management of the Lompoc Airport.
- To continue to promote a business friendly environment and attract new business to the Lompoc Airport.
- To continue to increase the Airport Reserve account to provide for future unforeseen emergencies or opportunities.
- To make the Lompoc Airport attractive and marketable to tourists and businesses who utilize aircraft in order to infuse out-of-the area monies into the local economy.
- To continue to work toward the maximization of Airport Revenues through the efficient use of Airport property.

- Establish aviation easements over property affected by aviation activity.
- Actively market the 13 acres on the Southside for commercial development.
- Strive to secure a food concession at or adjacent to the Airport.
- Encourage the Chamber of Commerce to include the Airport in its community marketing activities.
- Actively seek to encourage charter services to advertise and utilize Lompoc Airport as an additional business opportunity.
- Promote public awareness by offering displays of historic aircraft the 3rd Saturday of each month.
- Through the above efforts, the Commission strives to:
 - 1) Provide the best possible service to the aviation community and city residents who utilize the airport.
 - 2) Increase the Airport to a higher level of value in the perception of the community.
 - 3) Provide a greater contribution to the local economy.

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Chairperson