

WALKER FIELD AIRPORT AUTHORITY

February 13, 1980 Minutes

Members Present: Chairman pro tem Robert Holmes, Commissioners Rick Enstrom, Mike Kelly, Louis Brach and Administrative Aide Mary Ann Harms.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman pro tem Holmes at 12:10 p.m. The minutes of the January 24, 1980 meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Enstrom, second by Comm. Kelly and passed unanimously.

A new terminal building concept discussion revolved around a satellite bar concept (deferred from an earlier design team meeting). Mr. Holmes asked what the difference was from what we now have and Mr. Enstrom said the satellite bar would be separate and individual from the restaurant/lounge arrangement and would provide an additional revenue source. Mr. Ivy Conner, Minister of the Church of Christ, asked to be recognized. He voiced a protest against expanded liquor sales and said he would rather pay extra for his airline ticket to increase airport revenues than to see a "liberalized" liquor sales policy. Mr. Kelly suggested that the appropriate time to address liquor sales and control would be when the restaurantier applied for a liquor license. Mr. Enstrom said government had enough to do following the statutes without delving into moral issues; Mr. Holmes felt that on this issue the entire community should be given the ability to participate; Mr. Brach, clarifying the discussion which was straying from the satellite bar into the moral aspects of liquor sales, said this would be a service to the public and he did not want the moral discussion to continue; that a decision must be reached at this meeting so the design team would be able to progress with the terminal design. Mr. Dale Hollingsworth felt the lease holder (restaurantier) should be given the option of having the satellite program, that the majority of the people using the terminal facility were not residents of this community, and that the purpose of the Airport is to provide service to the public, not to certain segments of the community. Rev. Conners said he would like to poll the community regarding the sale of liquor. Comm. Kelly commented if liquor sales was a community-wide concern why had not one citizen appeared before the County Commissioners to oppose liquor licenses. Mr. Kelly continued that he frequently travelled and had not observed people abusing the sale or availability of liquor in airports; that airports are not generally thought of as

drinking establishments; and that the public should be given a freedom of choice. Mr. Holmes said the meeting was out of order for putting moral tones into the discussion and that he would like a public hearing on the issue and that personally he did not want expanded liquor sales; he asked that any decision be deferred until the full Board was present. Commissioner Enstrom made a motion that the scope of passenger services at Walker Field be expanded to include a satellite bar in the concourse area, as a source of generating revenue. Comms. Enstrom, Kelly and Brach voted in favor of the motion and Comm. Holmes voted against it; the motion passed.

The F.H.A. 601 request is progressing on schedule; the land is now being appraised and Mr. Bowers has contacted Isbill Associates regarding a land use plan on the five year plan parcels. At this point Mr. Terry Nichols and Mr. Maurice Schumann of Nichols Associates introduced themselves and expressed an interest in a lease site on the airport; Commissioner Kelly suggested that they contact Mr. Loran Dake regarding space at the proposed Exair site. They also asked permission of the Board to be able to submit a proposal for doing the land use plan. The Board asked Mr. Nichols to meet with Mr. Bowers and if no conflict existed with ongoing projects Mr. Isbill is doing, the Board would consider their proposal.

The Board was reminded of the 2/25/80 design team meeting; the upcoming disaster drill preparation meeting & actual May 8th drill. The May CFR School was discussed and the Board expressed an interest in actively participating in the CFR School. The Information Corner was an airline performance statistics excerpt from Air Transport World (Jan. 1980 issue). Mr. Hollingsworth announced the planned air show and two day performance by the Blue Angels scheduled for May 31 and June 1.

Mr. Brach asked about Walker Field's Oil Shale Trust Fund Request. (Chairman Albers and Manager Bowers were absent from this meeting as they were in Denver lobbying for J.B.C. approval of this request.) Mr. Brach said we need community and regional support and we need to generate support with our legislative body.

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.