Date: May 22, 2024

To: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager

From: Cynthia Guidry, Director, Long Beach Airport

For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: Airport Advisory Commission 2023 Annual Report

On May 16, 2024, in accordance with Long Beach Municipal Code 2.18.090, the Airport Advisory Commission approved a recommendation to transmit the Commission’s 2023 Annual Report (attached) to the Mayor and City Council.

If you would like further information regarding this report, please contact Juan López-Rios, Deputy Director, at (562) 570-2608 or juan.lopez-rios@longbeach.gov.

ATTACHMENT

CC: DAWN McINTOSH, CITY ATTORNEY
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    LAURA L. DOUD, CITY AUDITOR
    APRIL WALKER, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
    TERESA CHANDLER, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER
    MEREDITH REYNOLDS, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER
    GRACE YOON, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER
    TYLER BONANNO-CURLEY, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER
    KEVIN LEE, CHIEF PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER
    MONIQUE DE LA GARZA, CITY CLERK
    DEPARTMENT HEADS
LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Mayor and City Council,

Please find enclosed a summary of the Airport Advisory Commission’s activities during 2023.

I was pleased to be nominated by my colleagues as the Commission Chairperson this year. It was particularly special to serve in this role during the 100th anniversary year of Long Beach Airport. I felt honored to celebrate this milestone with Airport and City officials, as well as the community, in several meaningful ways throughout the year, kicking off the centennial commemoration with the 2023 Festival of Flight. From large-scale community events to new public art, a four-part short film series, a historic report and so much more, it’s been a momentous time for this important city asset.

This year, the Commission onboarded new commissioners, continued to expand our knowledge about Airport-related issues and heard from the local community about concerns related to noise and related issues.

As the 100th anniversary commemoration continues into the fall of 2024, the Commission looks forward to serving the Airport and our community.

Sincerely,

Geetanjali Reuben
Chair, Long Beach Airport Advisory Commission

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report is to provide the Long Beach Mayor and City Council with a summary of the Airport Advisory Commission activities during the reporting period January 2023 - December 2023.

Additionally, its purpose is to provide recommendations regarding the Commission’s future operation, pursuant to Section 2.18.090(9) of the Long Beach Municipal Code.

COMMISSION ROLE

Pursuant to City Code, the role of the Airport Advisory Commission is to:

• Consult with and advise the City Council in formulating City policies regarding the development and operation of Long Beach Airport;

• Study and analyze, for the purpose of evaluation and recommendation of policy, issues which have been referred to it by the City Council. This may include, among other topics, rates/fees, lease and land use policies, standards of service, facility requirements and environmental standards.
OFFICERS | DATES OF SERVICE

Geetanjali Reuben
July 2018 – Present
Chair, July 2023 - Present

Katie Larson
June 2019 – Present
Chair, June 2022 -June 2023
Vice Chair, June 2021 – June 2022 and July 2023 - Present

Robert L. Allarte
September 2020 – March 2023
Vice Chair, June 2022 – March 2023

Phyllis Arias
July 2023 – Present

Wayne Chaney Sr.
January 2016 – Present
Chair, June 2017 – June 2019
Vice Chair, June 2019 – June 2021

Mark Christoffels
July 2023 – Present

Mireya La Farga
October 2021 – Present

Kenneth Brown
July 2022 – Present

Dede Rossi
October 2021 – Present

Miles Nevin
June 2019 – March 2023
Chair, June 2021 – June 2022

Randy Zarn
June 2023 – Present
MEETINGS, MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

During the reporting period, the Commission held eight regular meetings. There are no regular meetings scheduled in April, August or December. November meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum.

All meetings were duly noted and open to the public.

Following is the attendance roster for the reporting period.

All Commissioners continue to meet the Commissioner’s Standing Rule Requirement of no more than two unexcused absences during a term.

Out of pocket costs incurred by the Airport Enterprise Fund for Commission support are typically limited to those expended for room rentals for scheduled public meetings, refreshments and commissioner attendance. In 2023, this totaled $12,988.36.

2023 AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING ATTENDANCE

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X = Attended Meeting   E = Excused Absence   C = Meeting Cancelled
CONSIDERATIONS, EFFORTS AND ACTIONS

January 19
• Received presentation regarding the 2022 Annual Airport Noise Budget Analysis
• Established an ad-hoc committee for the limited purpose of recommending methods to increase attendance at and develop sponsorship opportunities for the 100th anniversary edition of the 2023 Festival of Flight

April 13
• Participated in dedication and ribbon cutting for the Baggage Claim facility

June 15
• Elected Chair and Vice Chair

July 20
• Received presentation on the City of Long Beach Code of Conduct Training

September 21
• Received presentation on the Brown Act and Robert’s Rules of Order

October 21
• Participated in opening ceremony for Festival of Flight

FESTIVAL OF FLIGHT COMMITTEE EFFORTS

• Identified goals to increase attendance and to raise sponsorship dollars to offset costs for the 2023 Festival of Flight

• Reviewed and provided comments on Airport’s draft “Festival of Flight Sponsor Guide,” which included donor recognition levels

• Introduced Airport staff to organizations that may be interested in potential sponsorships; provided additional suggestions

• The final results for the 2023 Festival of Flight: more than 15,000 attendees and $20,000 in sponsor dollars received
The Sustainability Committee advises and supports staff on goals and initiatives that help to make LGB a sustainability leader among airports.

The Sustainability Committee held meetings every other month during 2023 and received regular updates about LGB sustainability efforts and ongoing processes. The committee received presentations regarding the following topics: the effort to create a Sustainability Action Plan, the Airport Carbon Accreditation program, unleaded aviation fuel and the future promise of hydrogen production technology.

During the course of 2023, LGB renewed and completed the third-party verification process for the Airport Carbon Accreditation Level 2 program. The Airport was recognized at the 2023 Airports Council International – North America Annual Conference and Exhibition.

The committee was also briefed by Airport staff on the annual renewal process for the South Coast Air Quality Management District Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).
RECOMMENDATIONS

Your Airport Advisory Commission appreciates the opportunity to serve the citizens of Long Beach. The Airport is an integral part of the City. A key goal of the Airport is to provide business opportunities, air travel services and economic benefits while respecting the quality of life of our communities. The Airport Advisory Commission is a key link in this process. It is important that the Airport maintain its compatibility with the surrounding community. The Commission recognizes the ongoing benefits from its continuing involvement in fulfillment of its mission as prescribed by City Code. The Commission reviews air carrier and total noise budget data to ensure compliance with Long Beach Municipal Code Chapter 16.43 quarterly. This independent oversight provides the public with assurance that Airport staff is adhering to the environmental commitments made to the community. This dedication to providing timely reporting on noise violations and noise complaint data, as well as exploring opportunities to reduce adverse noise events, is important to the public. Their continued commitment to reviewing this information regularly with the Commission ensures compliance with the Noise Compatibility Ordinance and assurance that the Airport is taking its environmental obligations to the community seriously.

As it has in the past, the Commission will continue to interface with the Mayor, Council members and the community to share its views and what it has learned. We encourage your Honorable Mayor and City Council to rely on our resources of knowledge and inter-organizational contacts, including through the referral of issues. Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 2.18.090 (A9), it is recommended that the Airport Advisory Commission continue in its current capacity.

ABOUT LONG BEACH AIRPORT

Founded in 1923, Long Beach Airport (LGB) is the oldest airport in California. Among its many awards, LGB was named one of the 2022 Top Ten airports in the country by readers of Condé Naste Traveler magazine. LGB offers nonstop service to several U.S. cities while supporting a healthy general aviation community with more than 300,000 annual operations. The Airport is also a source of substantial economic activity and employment, with the LGB Aviation Complex generating $8.6 billion in economic impact and supporting 46,000 jobs. LGB is a self-supporting enterprise of the City of Long Beach and does not receive local tax dollars. The Airport prides itself in preserving its esteemed historic legacy and maintaining a safe, sustainable and environmentally responsible operation. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and X @LGBAirport.