

**MINUTES AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COLUMBUS AIRPORT  
COMMISSION HELD AT THE COLUMBUS AIRPORT  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2020**

The following Commission members were present for the entire meeting.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>EXPIRES</u>
Ms. Tana McHale, Chairman	December 31, 2021
Mr. Donald D. Cook, Vice Chairman	December 31, 2022
Mr. Thomas G. O. Forsberg, Treasurer	December 31, 2020
Mr. James Barker, Secretary	December 31, 2023
Mr. Carl Rhodes, Jr.	December 31, 2024

The following Commission members were absent: None

Staff members present:

Amber Clark, C.M., Airport Director  
Alston Lyle, Legal Counsel  
Michele Renfro, Flightways Columbus Manager  
Monica Stone, Human Resources Manager  
Roy Hightower, Finance Director  
Sonya Overton, Director of Marketing & Air Service Development  
Ben Kiger, Restaurant Manager  
Daniel Thomas, Sr., Airfield Operations Supervisor  
Adrian Sellers, Project Coordinator  
Mary Scarbrough, Officer Manager  
Jose Aviles, Facilities Supervisor  
Eric Rivers, Maintenance  
Cameron Hagan, Maintenance

Others present:

Ryan Wampler, Sauer, Inc.; Bill Tudor, Jacob Redwine, Holt Consulting; Pete Novak, RS&H; ,  
Austin Edwards, Gary Kundey, Jim Clark, Cham Watkins, Phillip Thayer, Dan Dawson

**BUSINESS OF THE MEETING**

Ms. Tana McHale called the Commission Meeting to order at 9:30 AM, and thanked everyone for attending the meeting via Zoom.

Ms. Tana McHale asked for a motion to accept the minutes for the September 23, 2020 Commission Meeting.

Motion by Mr. James Barker to approve the minutes for the September 23, 2020 Columbus Airport Commission Meeting; seconded by Mr. Thomas Forsberg and unanimously approved by the Commission. Ayes: 5 / No: 0

**DIRECTORS REPORT**

Ms. Clark began with the following monthly updates.

**FINANCE**

Mr. Roy Hightower provided the following Finance update.

- We are in the final stages of the FY2020 Audit and uploads of our due diligence and checklists
- Year over year revenue decreased as expected in the month of September of almost 16% as we continue to recover from losses associated COVID-19.

- Rental Car agencies and Land rents paid the normal rent despite the offer of abatement or discounts. However, we are in the process of discounting rates for the second fiscal quarter as well as commercial rent.
- Labor costs have fluctuated substantially over the past several months with promotions in some areas and separation in other areas. However, we increased our SWB by 8% overall in August.
- Variance in Utilities and other services were negligible.
- The PFC account had a balance of \$639,870 and the cash reserves account had a balance of \$2,193,000.00 the end of August. Overall, we have \$5,008,749.00 and \$2.7 mil outstanding obligations in our terminal renovation bond.
- Update on Airport Improvement Project 44:  
Terminal Renovation  
Spent: \$8,417,667.81 and we are 31.76% complete (Note: this is corrected from last month's report of \$12 mil spent)

### **FLIGHTWAYS COLUMBUS**

Ms. Michele Renfro provided the following Flightways Columbus report.

- **Volume Report:**

We pumped a little over 25,000 gallons of Jet A fuel in September. Our total volume increased slightly year over year. We had a significant decrease in Avgas year over year that can be contributed to bad weather days during the month. We had a slight increase in retail and government Jet A fuel and a slight decrease in contract and CAC fuel. The Airline uplifts significantly decreased year over year but increased month over month.

- **Self-Serve:**

Self-serve had a slight decrease this year compared to last year. Year over year comparison in 2019 was 875 gallons sold and 2020 was 629 gallons sold. The decrease was due to several bad weather days causing slower traffic during the month.

- **Flightways hours:**

We are still continuing the hours of 5 am to 7 pm 7 days a week. We have not seen an increase of traffic later in the evenings to merit closing at our pre Covid 9pm time but we will continue to monitor this throughout the coming months.

- **Hangars:**

We had a couple of tenants one with a twin and one with a tail dragger both of whom were in a twin hangar move out at the end of last month. They moved their aircraft to pine mountain which was their plan when the original leases were signed. The tenants made it known that this was their original plan because they live above the pine mountain region so this would be a closer drive time for them. We have reached out to several tenants that would like to be on the FBO side of the airport instead of the southwest side of the airport to let them know we have a couple of hangars available to see if they would like to move.

- **Additional News:**

Flightways is currently still off loading/on loading freight coming into the FBO. We have been approached by Edna the charter dispatch person that sends all the freight companies into our airport about working with the cost of the forklift rental rate. We have to rent our forklift each time so in order to be more competitive with the rate we are looking into what the cost would be to purchase a forklift for Flightways in order to be competitive with the Lagrange airport who also does freight around the area. We will have more information about cost of a forklift for you soon.

**Fuel Price Comparison**

Fuel Price Comparison					DATE: 10/21/20
Airport Identifier	Name	Jet A +	AvGas	SS100LL	FBO COMPANY NAME
<b>CSG</b>		\$4.64	\$5.13	\$4.03	<b>Flightways Columbus</b>
<b>MCN</b> (478) 788-3491	Macon	\$4.50	\$4.27	~	Lowe Aviation
<b>GVL</b> (770) 532-4136	Gainesville	\$4.59	\$5.59	\$4.54	Champion Aviation
<b>GVL</b> (678) 989-2395	Gainesville	~	\$5.59	\$4.59	Lanier Flight Center
<b>HSV</b> (256) 772-9341	Huntsville	\$5.65	\$5.65	~	Signature
<b>DHN</b> (334) 983-4541	Dothan	\$4.63	\$4.86	~	Aero One Aviation
<b>ECP</b> (850) 233-4717	Panama City	\$5.25	\$5.90	~	Sheltair
<b>CHA</b> (423) 855-2299	Chattanooga	\$5.37	\$5.59	\$4.80	Wilson Air Center
<b>MDQ</b> (256) 828-1403	Dwntwn Huntsville	\$4.21	\$4.68	~	Excutive Flight Center
<b>VPC</b> (770) 382-9800	Cartersville	\$3.50	\$5.20	~	Phoenix Air
<b>FFC</b> (770) 487-2225	Falcon Field	\$3.68	\$3.80	~	Atlanta Regional Airport
<b>AVERAGE</b>		\$4.60	\$5.11	\$4.64	
<b>PIM</b>		\$2.99	\$3.79	\$3.59	
<b>EUF</b>		\$4.30	~	\$4.98	

### Hangar Waiting List

<b>CSG Hangar Waiting List</b>			
<b>Upated 10/20/2020</b>			
<b>CSG Tenant Priority Move</b>			
AJ Jain	5/9/2019	Twin/Single	Bonanza
Greg Auten	7/29/2019	Single	Bonanza
<b>CSG Tenants Hangar to Hangar Requested</b>			
Richard Knapp	10/27/2016	Single	Velocity
Roland Aut	10/14/2017	Twin/Box	Stearman
Skip Williams	4/15/2019	Single	182
Chris Badcock	7/14/2019	Single	Cherokee
Flying Horse/Nelms	12/1/2019	Single	Maule
Ben Marshton	6/15/2020	Single	Bonanza
Bailey Mills	7/15/2020	Twin	310
<b>Single Hangar Requested</b>			
Steve Culpepper	2/27/2019	Single	Cherokee 180
2LT Samuel Evans	8/20/2019	Single	Silvaire 8E
Richard Bailey	10/27/2019	Single	Cherokee 180
Earl Ingram	11/13/2019	Single	Mooney 20R
<b>Twin Hangar Requested</b>			
<b>Customers Waiting To Purchase Aircraft</b>			
Bill Buck	4/7/2016		Single
Paul Watson	4/11/2016		Single
Omar McCants	4/30/2018		Single
Reed Hovie	11/19/2018		Single
David Lewis	3/25/2019		Single
Elijah Figueroa	10/28/2019		Single
Daniel Holley	1/10/2020		Single
Glenn Eller	2/11/2020		Single
Thomas Henegar	2/19/2020		Single
Michael Knautz	5/20/2020		Single
John McLemore	6/16/2020		Single
Caroline Rimes	7/13/2020		Single

**HOSPITALITY**

Mr. Ben Kiger provided the following Hospitality report.

On Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, we had the pleasure of providing snacks and drinks for a large Kentucky NCAA charter flight, which consisted of three hundred stuffed bags. One hundred fifty contained a dozen different snack items and the other one hundred fifty had three types of drinks. We also provided several hundred extra bottles of drinks and two dozen bags of ice. Delta, we thank you and welcome any future catering orders you need assistance with.

We are currently in the process of gathering all necessary documentation needed to go forward with securing a new food service establishment permit for The Flying Panini.

We are working diligently to complete all the necessary steps. Once our operation is approved by the local health, water, and fire authorities, we will then be able to obtain our new Certificate of Occupancy and Business License. We cannot wait to get back to serving you all.

During this process, with the help of Human Resources Manager, Monica Stone, we have been screening, interviewing, and recruiting staff for both custodial and food service positions. We welcomed two new custodial team members recently - Michelle Culp, who came to us from the Columbus Civic Center and Mona Mitchell, who handled a very large list of cleaning duties for Synovus. They are doing a wonderful job at fulfilling every task that has been requested of them. Thank you to Suzanne Adams and Joseph Pugh for handling their training. The team is doing a great job and it is not going unnoticed.

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

Ms. Monica Stone provided the following update report.

**Terminations/Resignations**

NONE

**Retirement**

- Lavone Crawford

**New Hires/Transfers**

- Mona Mitchell – Custodian (part-time)
- Steve Cato - Firefighter – Transfer from CCG DOH 10/04/2020
- Benny Berrios - Firefighter – Transfer from CCG DOH 10/04/2020
- Norman Russ - Firefighter – Transfer from CCG DOH 10/04/2020
- Troy Pair – Maintenance Technician 1 DOH 10/26/2020

**Vacant Positions**

#	Job Title	Department	Status
1	Line Service Technician (Part-Time)	Flightways /FBO	Screening to schedule interviews
1	Maintenance Manager	Maintenance	On Hold
2	Restaurant Worker (Part Time)	Restaurant	Screening to schedule interviews
1	Custodian (Part-Time)	Restaurant	Screening to schedule interviews

**Contingent Offers Extended/ Pending TSA Background**

- Restaurant Worker (Full Time)

**Promotions**

- Michelle Culp – Custodian Part-Time Custodian to Full Time Custodian (position vacated by Lavone)
- Travis Hope - Line Service Technician (Full Time)
- Jeremy Thompson – Line Service Technician (Full Time)
- Stephanie Salter – Customer Service Representative FBO/Flightways

#### **Additional Human Resources Additional Updates**

- 2021 Open Enrollment Benefits October 5, 2020 - October 23, 2020
- Deadline to schedule PHA appt 10/30/2020. Employees will receive a day off for completing the assessment.
- Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign: “Pink Is In, The Air” Employees are wearing pink mask the month of October. Department and All Airport Employee pictures were shared on social media.
- During the October Employee Staff Meeting
  - Lavone was recognized for her dedication and service
  - (3) Public Safety and (2) Hospitality introduced new team members

#### **MAINTENANCE**

Mr. Daniel Thomas provided the following update report.

#### **Work orders:**

There were a total of 18 work orders completed for the maintenance department in October. 8 – work orders were completed for the facilities maintenance division, and 10 – work orders were completed for the airfield operations division.

#### **Landscaping Division:**

The landscaping in front of the airport terminal, the cutting and cleaning of our outside lots, and other areas are on schedule. We have removed over 26 – political sign off airport property as we always continue our policy to be politically neutral.

#### **Facilities Maintenance Division:**

We are waiting for our new employee candidate to finish his employment enrollment requirement for the Facilities Maintenance position. Currently, we only have one employee in our facilities maintenance division. Mr. Jose Aviles, which is the Facilities Supervisor, is doing a great job as that one employee. When our new employee joins our facilities team, we look forward to completing more work orders faster for the facilities division.

Facilities maintenance has been hard at work trying to complete work orders that are for hangar 14. Facilities had to put a temporary hold of work to hangars to address priority issues in the airport terminal building. We had to address a leak in the Enterprise car rental counter ceiling, a SIDA door that became out of adjustment and would lock, and an A/C issue with an air handler that made part of the second-floor business offices, and TSA passenger checkpoint holding areas hot.

Bird mitigation in hangars is still ongoing and remains as one of our top priorities. Facilities maintenance is hard at work, trying to seal up the hangar doors' ends to keep the birds out. Airfield operations and public safety personal have been using bird screamers, bird bangers, and bird eradication to help control the bird population problem. Our bird mitigation contractor will soon be back at the Columbus Airport, sealing up hangar 11. The reason for that contractor not being here is because they had some of their employees test positive for COVID-19. They are following the strict guidelines of self-quarantine that were put out by the CDC. We wish them all good health and a speedy recovery.

Hanger 12 now has a plan in place to block the birds out. Hanger 12 doors design has a lot of similarities to other hangar doors. Where they are different other than them being tall massif heavy doors, is there top door seals. Other hangar doors have a C-channel design around the top door rollers. Hanger 12 has a flat face design that covers the top door rollers. All you need to do is seal the door ends on the other hangar doors, and that will keep the birds from getting in.

hangar 12 doors end needs to be done the same way, but needs another sept to seal up the hangar doors to keep the birds out. The top flat face seal has worn down from rust and time. To fix these areas, you would need to place some thin sheet metal about 6" to 8" inches tall that will cover these areas and become the new top door seal. The two center doors have a small V shape gap starting from the top of the doors where they come together. The door gap is due to years of wear and tear, and the drive motors at the base of the doors pull and push the doors out of alignment square. The center door seal would be fixed with different types of repair material.

#### **Airfield Operations Division:**

The south side GA hangar bathroom is now up and running. The French drains and sump pump have been installed to capture and remove rainwater over the entire area. The septic tank was pumped out on Tuesday, October 27, 2020, by Davis concrete company. We used the dirt/clay removed from the French drain areas and placed it in areas that had erosion on the airfield. Nothing went to waste. I want to thank my team for all their hard work on doing this project because it was not easy to complete this project, and I also want to say a special thank you to the FBO Manager Mrs. Michele. Michele provided me some beneficial guidance and recommendations on this project.

There is a newer updated airfield wildlife control plan in place. There has been a lot of sightings of deer, coyotes, and birds on the airfield. Chief Parker and I came up with a wildlife plan on how to control the recent spike of wildlife activity on the airfield. Airfield operations and public safety have increased patrols in the areas that wildlife has been spotted and the game trails they use. On different days, between dusk and or dawn, Chief Parker and myself have been hunting to eradicate deer and coyotes off the airfield. With the increase of patrols, there have been less wildlife activity on the airfield. Chief Parker and I will keep having meetings to update and change our attack plan on the wildlife's behavior. I have recently received a large order of bird screamers and bird bangers to increase our ability to effectively use against birds. I will be purchasing some 12ga shortys birdshot rounds soon. These rounds are small and carry a small charge to use in areas that regular shotgun round would be too powerful to use.

With the completion of other projects and this time every year, it's the start time for airfield employees to focus on the airfield to ensure it is ready for are annually FAA part 139 airfield certification review by FAA Inspector Nick LeMay. The review this year will be done a month earlier. It is generally done in January, and now it will be in December. So Full steam ahead is our plan.

Runway 13/31 is having a total light failure problem, and as soon as this issue was identified. I opened several NOTAMs for each runway as well as work orders. Right now, I am working on the problem and believe it's the constant current regulator in the airfield lighting vault. The light connections and the airfield power cable resistance have already been checked and passed. This is an ongoing trial and error issue, and it is my top priority.

This upcoming month, I plan to paint non-movement/movement lines at each entry point to a taxiway on the commercial ramp and both GA ramps. I will start on the GA ramp side area first.

The streetlights on the back-entrance area to the airport on Armour Road were reported by a few tenants. I called Georgia Power that day, September 28, 2020, and placed a work order for the 13 streetlights to be repaired. I have been following up weekly with Georgia Power on this ongoing repair issue. I want to thank Commissioner James Barker for helping me with this issue by giving me beneficial guidance and recommendations.

A backflow valve test was done on each water line coming into the Columbus Airport on Saturday, October 17, 2020. A required yearly test must be completed, and all the backflow valve passed the tests, except for one. That valve will need some maintenance completed and then must be retested.

A black Mercedes-Benz vehicle lost control and hit the Columbus Airport perimeter fence on Saturday, October 17, 2020. Officer Mullins called me and informed me. I responded right away to this incident. This location of our perimeter fence has been struck by vehicles leaving the roadway a few times. The fence was damaged but not knocked down. The security of the airfield is still secured. The fence is being scheduled for repair.

#### **Conclusion:**

I would like to wish Mrs. Lavone Crawford, the Custodial Supervisor in the Maintenance Department, a very happy, wonderful retirement and thank her for the many years of amazing service to the Columbus Airport. She will be truly missed but will always remain on our team.

Ms. Tana McHale inquired about the wildlife with use of bird bangers, that includes hunting, bird shot, and so forth. She wanted to know the protocol that is used on the airport property.

Mr. Thomas said yes mam, we retrieve all the cartridges that would be dispensed includes the bird bangers, bird screamers, which both the bangers and screamers have blasting caps, 12 shot gun shells and the rounds are shorter and smaller. There are certain places on the property that gives us great opportunity to eradicate without putting any one is danger because of the terrain of the airfield. Everything is picked up and cleared including the wildlife promptly.

Ms. Clark stated since the Maintenance report was prepared, Mr. Troy Pair is a new employee in Maintenance as a Facilities Technician. We now have two employees working in Facilities, the supervisor and technician. We are adding more and more employees to the team, so we will get on those work orders as quickly as we can with our resources. She expressed her appreciation for all the hard work Mr. Jose Aviles and the entire Maintenance Staff when available, has done, she welcomed and is excited to have Mr. Pair join the team.

Ms. Clark reported this is the third time the spot in the airport perimeter fence has been hit. We previously brought this to the attention of the City Manager. She will be requesting guard rails to be installed in that area. She will be working with Mr. Isiah Hugley in having the spot look at and since the guard rails will be on city property.

Mr. James Barker on the new Facilities Technician just hired, what is his specialties?

Commented [MS1]:

Mr. Thomas stated Mr. Pair's specialties include electrician, HVAC, and some welding.

Mr. James Barker suggested as he flies to South Florida, one of the things they have done for bird mitigation, they actually built a grid with stakes driven into the ground, then high test mono filament with metallic streamers tied to the mono filament at regular intervals, say one steamer every yard, and set up that grid across the ponds where water naturally occurs on the airfield. That kept the birds from landing on the airfield and basically illuminated that attraction for the birds to land and to keep them off the airport property.

Mr. Thomas thanked Mr. James Barker.

## **MARKETING**

Ms. Sonya Overton provided the following update report.

- Our Small Community Air Service Development grant is set to expire in January 2021. Due to COVID-19 we have submitted another request for an extension of the grant through January 2022. The extension request included community support letters from Muscogee & Russell County Chambers, Columbus Visitors Bureau and the Columbus Convention and Trade Center. We have also put in a request to the Mayor's office and to Fort Benning.
- We are working on the Marketing for the DCA Access Standard Security Program (DASSP) at Flightways. We are finishing up the details for the website and are waiting for TSA to update the list of gateway airports before we go live. We are also looking into professional pilot magazines as well as digital marketing to push the new service.
- The 2020 Georgia Statewide Airport Economic Impact Study has been completed and distributed amongst the 103 publicly owned, public-use airports across the state of Georgia. This study reflects a year-long effort to investigate, study, and document the economic impacts of commercial and general aviation airports in Georgia. Each airport has their own report for their airport however we have found a few errors with our report and are currently working with the GDOT to update the data. Once this is completed, we will share the information on our website, with our stakeholders and create hard copies for distribution.



- We are in discussions and have met with Sergeant Norton from Fort Benning concerning our tribute to our U.S. Armed Forces gate area after the remodel at no cost. As the gate area is only partially completed, they have visited the airport and to see what has transpired since the last visit and are working on ideas as to what they could do to assist.
- The East Alabama Chamber of Commerce has asked for us to participate in a site visit with a survey consultant to perform an analysis of the East Alabama Region with an emphasis on Military related economic development with the Columbus Airport as the travel gateway to the region. We will be providing a tour of the airport followed by a question and answer session. Updates to follow.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Ms. Clark provided the following updated report in the absence of Chief Andre Parker.

Public Safety is pleased to welcome three new members to the team. Firefighters Benny Barrios, Steve Cato, and Norman Russ transferred to us from Columbus Fire & EMS after expressing interest in joining our team when their training class toured our station. On Wednesday, October 7, 2020, Commissioner Don Cook visited Public Safety staff and held an open conversation with staff covering education, training, retention, and professional development. We appreciate Commissioner Cook for taking the time to visit and speak with our team. On October 12, 2020, Public Safety staff and I had the pleasure of assisting with Ms. Jill Biden's visit to Columbus. Her flight in and out was quick and without issue. On Saturday, October 24, 2020, Public Safety conducted range qualifications. We will perform an IED training exercise with TSA and the Muscogee County Bomb Squad in mid-November. Our annual burn will take place here this week using Ft. Benning's helicopter training aide.

### **Upcoming Training**

- Community Policing
- Law Enforcement Encounters with The Mentally Ill
- Judgmental Shooting Simulator (Commission and Director invited)
- Range Qualifications: Pistol, Patrol Rifle, and Shotgun

Ms. Clark stated both she and the Commissioners' are all invited to attend the Judgmental Shooting Simulator. If interested, please let Chief Parker or Ms. Clark know.

### **Terminal Construction Update**

Ms. Adrian Sellers provided the following update report.

- We are about six and a half months into our construction project. Sauer has completed phase A1 (Hold room and New Restrooms) public restrooms are in operation and everyone loves the new look, both are Substantially completed.
  1. Millwork and speakers have been completed
- A2 is (TSA, Maintenance Shop and Locker Rooms) TSA space complete and they are moved in and operational.
  1. Maintenance and Locker Rooms substantially complete and ready for move in as of October 1st.
- B1 Waiting Room- On schedule for a December turn-over and move in:
  1. Demolition complete.
  2. Interior wall framing and sheetrock complete.
  3. Serpentine wall framing is 90% complete and 80% complete with hanging sheetrock, they will be finishing sheetrock this week.
  4. Soffit and ceiling framing complete. Sheetrock hung and is being finished.
  5. Curved Metal ceiling panels are onsite and will be starting installation soon.

6. Terrazzo flooring scheduled to begin Monday October 26th.
- B2 – Former TSA Space
    1. New Automatic Sliding Doors installed and are operational
    2. TSA Office Demolition Complete
    3. Flooring Demolition Complete
    4. Ceiling Demolition Complete
    5. High Wall, and Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing demolition in progress
  - Exterior –
    1. Canopy ceilings have been demolished. New metal ceilings and lights are being installed.
    2. Front entrance canopy framing and EIFS repairs are ongoing.
    3. Exterior painting is continuing around the building. WHITE is the FINISH COLOR. It takes approx. 4 coats of paint until the streaks and lines aren't visible.
    4. Roof replacement scheduled to begin Monday October 26th. Expected to last 10 weeks. The Contractors will be working 7 days a week approx. 12 hrs. per day.
  - Basement
    1. 100% demolition complete.
    2. Hydronic pumps, heat exchanger, water tanks and equipment pads have been installed.
    3. Permanent equipment has been installed and is being tested. Expect to transition new equipment to the building HVAC system this week. Temporary pumps and piping installed scheduled to be removed immediately following.
    4. Emergency generator pad has been laid out. Scheduled to begin foundation construction within 2 weeks.

Ms. Clark recently attended the Georgia Airport Association conference where she learned about an issue that is affecting our airport in our state and all the general aviation in the state of Georgia. Moody Air Force Base is requesting to lower for MOA airspace for some military training lower to the ground, down to almost 100 feet if possible? If not, there are other alternatives: they are 1,000, 2,000, & 4,000 feet. Obviously, it will affect the airports generally surrounding that area. As far as that MOA goes out, it will affect the traffic passing through Georgia completely. She has sent the information out what she received from the GAA and has sent it to the GA Committee Chairman, our AOPA local representative who has forwarded it to the regional representative, to EAA and other influential committee members, and the Tenants here at the airport. Collectively we need to get together and write letters of concern, make sure we get those in as they are having a live hearing on November 29, 2020 over Zoom and she believes all letters can be received for the public hearing. It is really important, and it is going to affect the possibility of Corporate general aviation passing through the state of Georgia and it is not something we want, it will hurt our airport and region. We do respect our military! However need to come up with an equitable solution.

Mr. James Barker met with Mr. Charlie Sikes and he brought up some good points, he flies his airplane and when he goes to competitions in Northeast Florida he has to fly right through that area and with that MOA if it goes down 100 feet, it will significantly impact his ability to fly south, it will cost him extra time, more money, and potentially keep him if the weather is not ideal, during that route of flight. It will also cost more money for the flight department to fly around that area if they are dispatching close to that MOA. In Thomasville there is lots of flight departments in that area. He has a respect for the military, and they need as much training as

possible but, it is a concern for our national security, he does not discount that at all. A lot of our members do fly down to that region and we also get a lot of airport traffic back from that area out part of Georgia. Any support we can get from that, our GA Committee members and GA Community will be greatly appreciated.

Ms. Clark stated there will possibly be a VFR corridor, however that would still discourage traffic. She encouraged everyone to look at the information that she has sent out.

Ms. Clark stated by the next meeting on December 2, 2020 there would be pictures of the terminal for all to see the progress.

Ms. Clark read two letters received recently, one from a Columbus Airport Tenant Mr. Philip Thayer and one provided to Chief Andre' Parker, Safety Security.

Both of the letters are adhered to these records.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Thomas Forsberg was made: seconded by Mr. Don Cook unanimously approved by the Commission. Ayes: 5 / No: 0

Ms. McHale thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 A. M.

APPROVED:

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Mary Scarbrough, Secretary

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Ms. Tana McHale, Chairman

**From:** philip thayer [mailto:philip\_thayer@jpthayer.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 12, 2020 2:51 PM  
**To:** Michele Renfroe <mrenfroe@flightwayscolumbus.com>  
**Cc:** Jose Aviles <JAviles@flycolumbusga.com>; Amber Clark <aclark@flycolumbusga.com>; kelsey.kennon@kpdd.com; Darryl Graham <dgraham@flightwayscolumbus.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Hangar 20 Door Straps

Michele,

I wanted to take a minute and brag on the maintenance guys. They did a great speedy job repairing our hangar door. In addition to repairing the door, they replaced a burned-out lightbulb in one of the hangar lights. In our company, we always encourage our maintenance teams to look around and see if there is anything else that needs to be repaired while they are in an apartment home. It is great to see others doing the same! Thank you and your team for providing exceptional customer service in everything they do.

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**From:** Sal Scarpa <Scarpa.Sal@columbusga.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 7, 2020 1:08:02 PM  
**To:** Andre' D. Parker <aparker@flycolumbusga.com>  
**Subject:** Thank you

Chief –

Just wanted to offer a quick 'Thank You!' for allowing us to utilize your facility for our staff retreat. It worked out really well for us and allowed us to focus on our efforts with minimal distractions. Thank you again for your hospitality. Best regards!

Sal Scarpa

Fire-EMS Chief/EMA Director

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