CITY OF RICHLAND CENTER

AGENDA ITEM DATA SHEET

Agenda Item: Richland Center Municipal Airport Flight Pattern

Meeting Date: Tuesday, June 6, 2023

Requested by: Dave Fry, Buildings & Grounds Superintendent

Background: Earlier this year, a request to change the flight pattern was submitted and subsequently approved by the Bureau of Aeronautics. Although standard left traffic is recommended, right traffic deviations are allowed when warranted for reasons of safety, noise mitigation, etc. As a result of this request, runway 17 was transitioned from left traffic to right traffic.

After this change occurred, concerns were expressed by some pilots with a request to revert to the previous flight pattern. The Public Works Committee discussed the matter on 5/11/2023 and recommended the Common Council review the flight pattern to determine if the traffic pattern should remain or revert to the previous pattern.

Minutes from the Public Works Committee

> 6. Flight Pattern at the 93C Richland Airport Dave was notified by pilots that the flight pattern needed to be changed. The pattern was changed due to concern over pilots coming in over the town of Sextonville, the tree line and housing development. He called the state as they are the ones who are able to make that change. He did this with the guidance of Hal Davis with the State of Aeronomics. Dave posted the required notice that the flight pattern was being changed from right to left. Some pilots feel that there was no need for the change and that it should return to the pattern that it was previously. With lengthy discussion with the pilots it was decided to make the change if City Council agrees to approved it back to the pattern it was. Set to discuss at Council Meeting on 6/6/2023 at 6:30 PM. Motion by Melby to bring to City Council for discussion and approval. Seconded by McCarthy.

Financial Impact: Not applicable

Requested Action: Determine if the flight pattern should **remain** as right traffic **or revert** to left traffic.

Attachment: Letter from Michael Kaufman