



**SIERRA VISTA AIRPORT COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
February 11, 2015, 5:30 PM  
SVMA TERMINAL**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Vice Chairman Davidson called the meeting of the Airport Commission to order at 5:33 P.M. in the Terminal Building of the Sierra Vista Municipal Airport, 2100 Airport Avenue.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Mike Davidson, Frank Jackson, George Pohlman, Felicia Tucker, John Voishan, and Arthur Weisberger.

Absent: Dick McColley and Lee Gray (non-voting).

**ATTENDEES:**

City of Sierra Vista: Rachel Gray (Council Liaison), Scott Dooley (Director of Public Works), and Yvette Matthias.

Public: Carolyn Thompson (LAAF Manager), Cliff Van Vleet (EAA 776), James Short (Tenant), Leo Scherping (EAA 776/Tenant), and Kyle Koski (Thunder Vette Set).

**INTRODUCTIONS:**

**ACCOLADES FOR AVIATORS AND FRIENDS OF THE AIRPORT:**

- Cliff VanVleet gave accolades to Iggy and George Clarke for going above and beyond the call of duty during the incident at the airfield.

**ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA – FEBRUARY 11, 2015**

Motion made by Commissioner Voishan to accept the agenda as written. Seconded by Commissioner Pohlman. Vote – unanimous. The motion carried

**ACCEPTANCE OF NOVEMBER 12, 2014 MEETING MINUTES:-**

Motion made by Commissioner Jackson to accept the minutes as written. Seconded by Commissioner Tucker. Vote – unanimous. The motion carried.

**ACCEPTANCE OF JANUARY 14, 2015 MEETING MINUTES:-**

Motion made by Commissioner Pohlman to accept the minutes as written. Seconded by Commissioner Tucker. Vote – unanimous. The motion carried.

**PRESENTATIONS:** None

**REPORTS:**

**Scott Dooley, Director of Public Works/Airport Manager:**

- Airport Updates – Scott advised the commission that a separate resolution is not required for the hangar committee's top priority items. The recommendations will be taken to the Council retreat on March 27 and addressed during strategic planning; then, Council will notify committees of approvals and what they would like to move forward with.

### Fort Huachuca/Libby Army Airfield: Airfield Manager Carol Thompson:

- FMQ-23 (ASOS replacement) is under review for weather voice/radio update. We are also reviewing the telephone feature to see if it can be added to it.
- Currently, conducting a test of four aircrafts for the Army. They will be here until the May time frame. Our operations tempo will be a little busier.
- Bradys will be here 8-12 Feb 15. They will return twice in March: 9-13 Mar 15 and 30 Mar- 3 Apr 15.
- Carol reported that the airfield lighting panel is being replaced, so advised everyone to check NOTAMs.
- Commissioner Pohlman inquired about the location of the weather vanes that sense the direction of the wind at the airport. Carol explained that the ASOS is used referencing against the FMQ-23 and the FMQ-13 is used at the approaching and departure end.

### City Report: Rachel Gray, Council Liaison -

- Council Member Gray reported that the Airport Commission's annual report to Council is 4:00 p.m., Monday, April 6 in Council Chambers.
- The Citizens Advisory Commission (CAC) has been tasked to examine revenue streams and service levels for the City and make recommendations regarding increasing revenues or decreasing service levels. Their report is due mid-April.
- The Planning and Zoning Commission is finalizing their digital sign ordinance and the vote is probably around mid-March or April.
- Council Member Gray stated she believes she would have a better perspective of the airport if she can fly over it if someone is willing to give her a ride. She received positive responses.

### Chairman's Report: Dick McColley (Vice Chairman Davidson)

- Hangar Committee Report/Prepare Resolution to City Council (Re: Sierra Vista Airport Commission, Regular Meeting Minutes, January 14, 2015 -Covered by Mr. Dooley during Airport Updates.
- Collision Avoidance Conference update – Commissioner Davidson said he doesn't know if it was announced yet, and that Chairman McColley was also looking for an update.
- Call for nomination(s) for prospective Commission members – Commissioner Davidson announced his resignation from the Airport Commission, effective April 1, 2015. He encouraged the commissioners to think of individuals who would like to be a member of the airport commission to fill the term. He then reminded everyone that City Council has to approve the applicant and there is a 30-day waiting period. Commissioner Davidson would also like the commissioners to consider who is willing to cover the meetings while Dick unavailable.

### CALL TO PUBLIC

There was a presentation by Kyle Koski of the Thunder Vette Set. The presentation included an explanation of the organization's background, their fundraisers at the airport, and their request to form an alliance with the City of Sierra vista and partner to use the airport facility with a fee relief. See attached document for presentation details.



Thunder Vett Set  
Presentation (Adobe)

Commissioner Jackson, also a member of the Thunder Vette Set, commented that the organization donated some of the funds raised to the City and to various local charities and/or organizations. He mentioned that the revenue to the area from out of town is tremendous, which is exactly what the

Airport Commission is trying to accomplish. So, he thinks the commission and airport management should support the organization.

Scott advised that the airport is primarily funded by FAA and ADOT. He stated that the department is tied to the grant assurances that provided by that, and the primary portion of the assurance says any activity on the airport generally have to be airport related. It also, may have a clause that says that any other activities has to be able to fund themselves. Scott said he will review the grant assurances and rules and regulations of the airport.

Discussion followed.

Council Member Gray commented that is a good idea for Mr. Koski to share his ideas with Council. She explained that five minutes are provided for presentations during call to the public, and provided the next few scheduled meeting dates.

#### COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

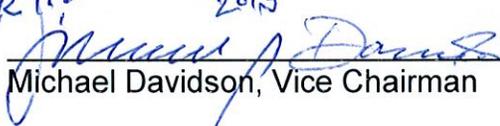
Commissioner Jackson thanked Scott for clarifying the prepare resolution issue for the hangar committee's priority list. He then expressed his concerns regarding the priority list being packaged with other proposals and that the Commission would not receive a response for a long time.

Scott advised that the City Council's Strategic Plan is basically the staff's marching orders of projects during a two-year period, and every six months a status report is submitted. He then thanked Commissioner Davidson for all his years of dedication, hard work, and leadership on the commission.

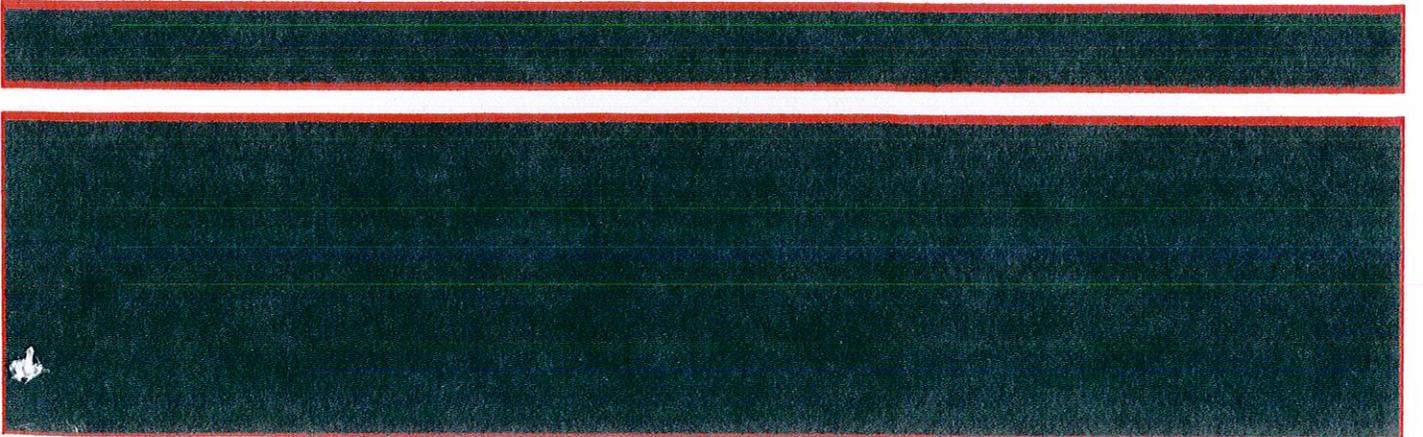
Commissioner Voishan commented that the Cowboy Poetry was an excellent event, but the crowd is getting thin and it has an older demographic. Commission Tucker added that the event price was too high. He reported that he will meet with Steve Conroy to begin working on the 2017 Cowboy Poetry to try to encourage more aviation attendance.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Davidson adjourned the meeting at 6:23 PM. Next meeting is scheduled for December 10, 2014 at 5:30 PM at the Airport Terminal Building.

*MAR 11 2015*  
  
Michael Davidson, Vice Chairman

**THUNDER  
VETTE  
SET**



# Agenda

- **About Us**
- **Our Events**
- **AutoCross**
- **TVS AutoCross**
- **Community Benefits**
- **2014 Support**
- **Community Benefits**
- **Issues**
- **Our Proposal**

**TVS is seeking an exclusive deal with the City of Sierra Vista for the use of the airfield.**



# About Us

- **Founded in mid-1985**
- **30-40 active members**
- **Dynamic organization, Something for Everyone**
- **Host two annual events**
- **Support parades in the County**
- **Support High Schools in the area**
- **NCCC affiliated**



# AutoCross

## Consists of:

- **Host Hotel in Sierra Vista**
- **Hospitality Room**
- **Car Show**
- **Rallye through Sierra Vista and Cochise County**
- **Dinner**
- **Auto-Crossing**



# AutoCross

- What is an AutoCross?**
- **Vehicle driven obstacle course**
  - **Controlled environment**
  - **Course designed using cones**



# TVS AutoCross

- **TVS uses East Side when not in use**
- **No direct cost to the City of Sierra Vista**
- **We have insurance**
- **Only one day for each weekend event**



# Community Benefits

- **Money raised remains in community**
- **Donated \$10k in the last two years**
- **Draw in visitors from as far as Canada and Florida**
- **Event has doubled in size in last two years**
- **Visitors bring in money, stay at local hotels, and eat at local restaurants**
- **People keep coming back!!**



# 2014 Support

**Donated \$1,000 each**

- to:**
- **Good Neighbor Alliance**
  - **Chaplain's Fund**
  - **Forgach House**
  - **Fry Fire**
  - **Sierra Vista Fire**

## COMMUNITY

AROUND YOUR TOWN

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2014



Members of the Thunder-Vette Set donated \$5,000 to local organizations on Saturday at Lawley Chevrolet. The organizations were, Neighborhood Alliance, The Chaplain Fund, Forgach House, Fry Fire Department, and Sierra Vista Fire Department.



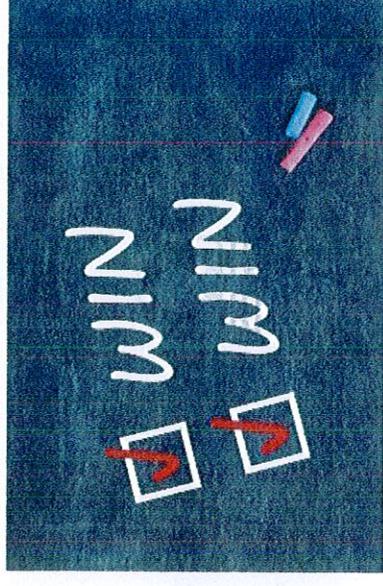
# Issues

- **Costs**
  - **\$1,000 a year in airport rental**
  - **Expense is paid with event proceeds**
  - **Highest expense for the entire venue**
- **Airport open/close times, availability**



# Our Proposal

- **Form an alliance**
  - **What can we do for the City?**
- **Obtain airport at no cost**
- **Credit the City for the partnership**
- **Include the City on promotional distribution**



# Questions

