

HAWAII AERONAUTICS COMMISSION
 Regular Monthly Meeting
 Saturday, October 26, 1957

The regular monthly meeting of the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission was called to order by Dr. Francis K. Sylva, Chairman, on Saturday, October 26, 1957, at 10:07 a.m., in the Board Room of the Commission, Overseas Terminal Building, Honolulu International Airport.

A quorum of the Commission was in attendance. (See record of attendance).

GENERAL

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 28, 1957: Mr. Edwards pointed out that on page 6 under the caption "Proposal to Enlarge Sky Room" no mention or emphasis was made in regard to the very pertinent statement made by Mr. Weaver to the effect that "the proposed enlarged facilities of the Sky Room was based primarily on increased service to the public and not increased income." He added that this was rather an important point in considering the proposal and offered it as a correction to the minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Bronte, and unanimously

VOTED: to approve the minutes of September 28, 1957, as circulated with the one correction as stated above.

HONOLULU

REDUCTION IN FORCE - CRASH-FIRE, HONOLULU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT: The Director recommended abolishing of eight positions in the Crash-Fire Rescue Section of the Honolulu International Airport operation. He stated that the Air Force has assigned their men to assume partial responsibility for the crash-fire rescue operation and will eventually assume full responsibility. In the Director's recommendation it was pointed out that the affected employees be given as much time as possible to be relocated through placement in other positions or by transfers.

As a matter of record, Mr. Honda asked the Director when he would like to make it effective and suggested January 1, 1958. The Director replied that he would like the authority to abolish the positions after a reasonable effort had been made to relocate the people. He stated that several "feelers" had been put out to the City and County and other Territorial departments to relocate these men.

One man, he stated, has been located as a custodian on one of the neighbor islands. He added that authority was needed to abolish the positions.

Mr. Pietsch suggested that the jobs be abolished but the effective date be left to the discretion of the Director. Mr. Honda pointed out that, technically, under Civil Service Law the men are required so many months notice and asked Mr. Wat to clarify the matter. Mr. Wat stated that under the law a "reasonable time" is sufficient notice--perhaps two weeks notice.

Mr. Hodgson agreed with Mr. Pietsch's suggestion to abolish the positions and to leave it to the discretion of the Director as to the exact time as each position becomes vacant.

The Chairman stated that possibly we should cover all the rest of the jobs in the Fire Department in the same motion because from time to time the Air Force may come in with further replacements for our men. Mr. Pietsch stated that perhaps we should make it applicable to all the jobs that have to do with crash-fire personnel on the airport (Honolulu).

It was moved by Mr. Pietsch, seconded by Mr. Hodgson, and unanimously

VOTED: to abolish all the positions in the Crash-Fire Rescue Section of the Honolulu International Airport as they become excess; the termination date of employees affected to be set at the discretion of the Director.

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CENTRAL PAGING SYSTEM, HONOLULU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT: The Director stated that the Commission approved the present arrangement for operation of the Central Paging System on the basis of a "six-months trial period." In accordance with the Commission's action, HAC absorbs half of the cost and the other half is passed on to the airlines. He added that the central paging system arrangement has been a complete success operationally and recommended that the present arrangement be continued reserving the right of the Commission to pass on the entire cost of the activity at any time it should become financially necessary.

It was moved by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mr. Duponte, and unanimously

VOTED: to approve the recommendation of the Director.

The chairman stated that the new system is a big improvement over what it used to be.

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GENERAL LYMAN FIELD - HILO HOUSING LEASE: The subject lease covers the area at General Lyman Field known as Hilo Veterans Homes. This area was under the jurisdiction of the Hawaii Housing Authority prior to the time the airport was returned to the HAC control.

Mr. Edwards stated that the manner in which the lease had been submitted to HAC (to be signed by the HAC and then to be signed by the tenant) is rather an unusual procedure. He stated that it would be more appropriate for HAC to approve the lease as to form and have the tenant sign and return it to HAC.

It was moved by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Pietsch, and

VOTED: to approve the lease but it be signed by the tenant first and returned to HAC for execution by the Director on behalf of the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission.

(Mr. Hodgson was excused from voting).

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HONOLULU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, PROPOSED AUTO PARKING AREA: The Chairman stated that we have present with us a representative of our advisors, Mr. Frank Der Yuen of Lockheed Air Terminal. Mr. Der Yuen who had worked up a plan for the re-arrangement of the parking lot was called upon to show the sketch to the Commissioners.

The Director pointed out to the Commission the necessity for some sort of re-arrangement of the parking lot to provide better service to the public, better parking facilities and a better degree of security for the parked cars. He added that there have been a number of cases recently of vandalism and petty thievery and would like to provide better protection for the people who use the parking area. In addition, he stated that the re-arrangement would allow ground transportation to the terminal to be handled with greater safety and facility.

Mr. Der Yuen stated that as consultant of HAC, Lockheed Air Terminal, Inc., was asked to study the problem of the parking area. He stated that the proposed plan had been discussed with the Airport Manager and involves enclosing the whole area with a fence. It proposes that Lagoon Drive (which presently divides the parking area) be re-routed toward the ocean, in front of the United Air Lines Flight Kitchen, and kept close to the sea as possible. It is proposed that there be an attendant at the entrance station to check in cars on a 24-hour basis. In regard to the service cars entering the field, their routes will be re-routed in order not to conflict with the outgoing traffic and would be physically separated. The smaller area which provides parking for 180 cars will also be enclosed with fence, using an automatic electric gate (which is used on the mainland very effectively) for employees' parking. He also stated that there is a need for providing much more lighting.

Mr. Hodgson inquired, "How will the number of parking spaces compare with the number at present?" Mr. Der Yuen replied that there are presently 750 spaces including reserved space and under the new proposal there would be approximately 820.

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Mr. Bronte inquired whether traffic signals would be installed. Mr. Der Yuen replied that because of the flow of traffic which bypasses the service area, it would be worthwhile to try with boulevard stops first and later, if necessary, you may try it with synchronized traffic lights. He also suggested that the attendant (in the parking area) may also control the lights to permit the continuity of the flow of traffic.

In reply to Mr. Bronte's inquiry as to the estimated cost, Mr. Der Yuen estimated the cost at about \$20,000.

Mr. Hodgson inquired whether the parking meters would be retained to which Mr. Der Yuen replied, "No, the parking meters will not be retained. You have about 230 parking meters now which require a lot of maintenance. Actually there is no need for the meters with the new arrangement and you may want to use the meters on the neighbor islands. Under the new arrangement the cars can come in quickly and pay the attendant on the way out."

It was moved by Mr. Honda, seconded by Mr. Duponte, and unanimously

VOTED: to request the Department of Public Works to draw up detail specifications and obtain bids for the proposed parking lot and that the Commission act upon appropriation when it receives the report and recommendation from the Department of Public Works.

GENERAL

ENGINEERING SERVICES: The Chairman stated that HAC has been doing a lot of engineering work in connection with the Terminal and it has become increasingly apparent to the Director and the staff that the HAC needs a full-time engineer on the staff for the period of all of this construction. He added that, as pointed out by Mr. Der Yuen, it is very necessary that costs be known to the Commission progressively. He then called upon the Director to say a few words in this regard.

The Director stated that HAC can't enter into a construction job of this scope without a professional full-time civil engineer or an airport engineer. HAC relations with the Department of Public Works are very good. It is the separation of distance and time that costs money and delay. "I don't know how long he will be needed," he stated, "but he will be needed at least through major construction of the Master Plan." The Director strongly recommended that the Commission consider the employment of a full-time engineer and offered to take the matter up with the Superintendent of Public Works.

It was moved by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Bronte, and unanimously

VOTED: that the position of full-time staff engineer be created and that the Director be authorized to fill the position as soon as possible.

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO DIRECTOR RE LOCKHEED CONTRACT: The Chairman stated that during the past week Lockheed Air Terminal people have been working with the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission staff and have made tremendous progress in almost every phase of the terminal project and a good many other studies. The Director feels, he stated, that due to some wording in the contract he would like to have specific authorization from the Commission to utilize these services when needed and the Commission could depend on his good judgment to make full and appropriate use of the services.

It was moved by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mr. Pietsch, and unanimously

VOTED: to delegate to the Director of Aeronautics the authority to do such work as may be necessary from time to time under the existing contract between the HAC and its Consultant, Lockheed Air Terminal, Inc.

The Chairman reiterated that the Director can now use the Lockheed Air Terminal services whenever necessary and he would advise the Commission from time to time. If at any time the Director should

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feel the need of a special project, he may bring the matter before the Commission.

GENERAL

REPORT OF MID-YEAR AOC MEETING: The Chairman stated that the Director had a short report to make on his recent trip to the Mid-Year Airport Operators Council Meeting held in Cincinnati and asked the Director to say a few words.

The Director stated that he was on the mainland for two weeks to attend this meeting. "I spent two days in San Francisco; one afternoon with Mr. Moulton on financial matters and one complete day in the San Francisco Terminal. I inspected the entire installation on the field; I got some good ideas, talked with many of the concessionaires. I then went on to Chicago and did the same thing in Chicago and then proceeded to Cincinnati to the Airport Operators Council semi-annual meeting.

"At the meeting were the management representatives of most of the major fields in the United States--Baltimore, Birmingham, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Columbus, Dayton, Jacksonville, Kansas, etc. They discussed informally in a very businesslike way many of the technical and financial, legislative and legal matters which are interesting to airport operators, especially the problem of planning for the jet age. I learned of many people's problems and solutions. I took notes and will put them into a written report for you. I want to tell you that it was a very valuable meeting for me. It was not, believe you me, a social meeting by any stretch of the imagination.

"From there I went to Washington and inspected the Washington National Airport. I spent one day in the Pentagon with Air Force and Navy people in connection with the Master Plan. I discussed with Naval Aviation people their future plans for the field at Puunene and was assured that the Navy was intending to relinquish any claim on it. Local CAA people and I will work out the details.

"I then went to New York for three days and spent that time with New York Port of Authority. It was a wonderful opportunity to inspect Newark, La Guardia and the fabulous Idlewild Airport. Construction of Idlewild is well along and will be officially opened early next year. Mr. Wiley, Director of the Aeronautics Branch of Port Authority, told me that they had over 120 million dollars in it. It makes our project look like peanuts.

"I then went to Columbus and inspected their terminal; one hour and a half at Louisville and then to Dallas and Fort Worth. Upon completion of that visit I went to Los Angeles and spent one day with our consultants, Lockheed Air Terminal, at Burbank. I received a great deal of assistance from them. We started the discussion of the parking lot business at that time. I spent one day at the Los Angeles International Airport and brought back a great deal of information on their project and the progress of their big terminal--jet airport. I spent one day at the Douglas Plant and had the opportunity to walk through the production line of the DC-8. I talked with their service people about the problems they expect to have in handling the airplanes on the ground.

"I feel that this was a very valuable trip. Some of these things I have seen before but as you realize this time I was looking at the many concessions, walked through the galleys of the restaurants, etc., because my eyes were tuned to a different appreciation of the airports. I feel that the Commission was wise to send me on this trip.

"The AOC annual meeting next year will be in San Juan, Puerto Rico, in May. The following year they plan on going to Portland. The invitation to come to Honolulu is held in abeyance until our terminal is completed or nearly completed."

The Chairman thanked the Director for his report.

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TIME AND PLACE FOR NOVEMBER MEETING: Mr. Edwards stated that HAC has considered for some time an inspection trip to other island airports and suggested the possibility of holding next month's meeting at Kauai on November 30, subject to confirmation of available hotel space and the possibility of getting ready by that time the plans for modifications to the facilities at Lihue Airport and stated that he would very much like to have the Commissioners' views on that.

Mr. Bronte inquired whether we could make the trip to Kauai but to have the regular meeting here in Honolulu.

Mr. Pietsch stated that it does do some good to have a meeting at least once every year on one of the other islands because it gives the people on that island a chance to come and have their say at a regular meeting.

Mr. Honda stated that Lihue Airport has the highest number of passengers aside from Honolulu, that things are changing constantly up there. It is undoubtedly now too small (in comparison to the Hilo and Kahului terminals) having the largest number of passengers. I think, he stated, that it is time for us to go and see and judge for ourselves whether we could go into a bigger expansion program. For that reason, on behalf of the Commission, we should accept the kind invitation of Mr. Edwards, if possible. It was then moved by Mr. Honda, seconded by Mr. Bronte, and unanimously

VOTED: to consider the matter as proposed by Mr. Edwards to hold the next regular meeting (November) on Kauai on November 30, subject to the availability and confirmation of hotel space and that the Director so notify the members of the Commission a week or ten days prior to such meeting and also on the hope that the Department of Public Works can by that time come up with some concrete proposal regarding the various alterations and improvements to be affected on Kauai.

Mr. Edwards thanked the Commission for accepting the invitation and stated that the trip would be well worthwhile.

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KONA HEARING: Mr. Hodgson stated that several meetings ago something was said about a meeting in Kona and inquired whether anything has been done about it.

The Chairman replied that nothing has been done yet; and then asked the Director about the matter of the Kona Injunction.

The Director replied that no definite date has yet been set. It was believed that the attorney for Mr. L. Thurston had withdrawn and that Mr. Thurston is in the process of engaging another which requires a little more time for the new attorney to read the transcript of the case.

The Chairman stated that the original plan was to call an inspection trip to the Island of Hawaii; however, when a poll of the Commissioners was taken, the response was not favorable. He stated that another poll would be taken if desired. Mr. Bronte expressed the desire of going before the Christmas holidays. The Director was asked to poll the Commissioners to determine if a meeting or a hearing was desirable to be held in Kona, prior to the Chairman's departure for the mainland.

HONOLULU

REPORT OF STATUS OF CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS OF DAMON TRACT: The Chairman called upon the Director to give a brief report on the status of the condemnation proceedings of Damon Tract.

The Director stated that one day early this week the staff had gone to a hearing in Judge Felix's Court, involving the attorneys for the Damon Estate and the Hui, and Mrs. Harriet Bouslog, attorney for some of the tenants of Damon Tract. The Court permitted the withdrawal of the deposited money to the Trustees of the Damon

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Estate and Luke interests. Yesterday, (October 25) they attended another hearing where our expert witness, Mr. Edward Bolles, HAC appraiser for the Damon Tract, testified under oath. He did a very impressive job which resulted in the Judge awarding possession of the 69 acres in question to the Territory.

The jury trial to determine the value of houses has been set for December 9. HAC, as of the middle of next month, will start collecting rent from tenants on the newly acquired property. It is the intention to have Bishop Trust Company continue collecting the rent on behalf of the HAC as they have in the past for the former landlords.

The Director was informed by the Attorney General that he did not have on his staff sufficient talent to handle the jury trial. He felt that he himself would not be able to take the two weeks he estimates is necessary to see this thing through and suggested that perhaps we should look into the matter of getting outside legal assistance to help the Territory in this case. The Director put it up to the Commission members and asked Mr. Hodgson about some legal advice in the matter.

Mr. Hodgson replied that he felt that the Attorney General is the best judge of the talent of the members on his staff. There are some very able attorneys on the staff, he added. "It is something new to me and I prefer to think about it a little bit."

The Chairman added that this is a matter to be given some very careful consideration. The Chairman pointed out that HAC should try and ask the Attorney General once more if he would not handle the case, and if he could not, then the Director be instructed to work with him to do whatever the Attorney General recommended. If it is necessary for the Director to take action, the Commission would call a special meeting in connection with the recommendation of the Attorney General.

The Chairman stated that in view of the many opinions expressed, we should leave the matter as it is and depend on the Director to confer with the Attorney General and if the Director feels that it is necessary to call a special meeting, he should do so.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

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ATTENDANCE:

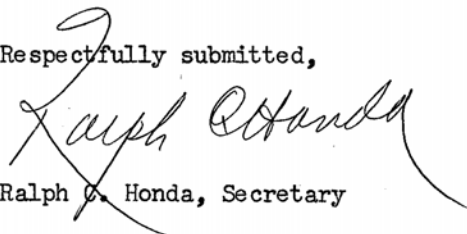
HAWAII AERONAUTICS COMMISSION

Present: Dr. Francis K. Sylva, Chairman
Mr. Dorsey W. Edwards, Vice Chairman (Kauai)
Mr. Ralph C. Honda, Secretary
Mr. George Kobayashi, Member
Mr. Lionel V. Duponte, Member (Maui)
Mr. Emory B. Bronte, Member
Mr. Joseph V. Hodgson, Member
Mr. Charles J. Pietsch, Jr., Member

Absent: Mr. David Furtado, Vice Secretary (Hawaii)

In Attendance: Mr. A. P. Storrs, Director of Aeronautics
Mr. R. M. Walton, Assistant Director
Mr. Ken Wetherell, Qantas
Mr. D. Lee Grubb, Hawaiian Airlines, Ltd.
Mr. Dick Faris, Hawaiian Airlines, Ltd.
Mr. Art Carter, Gift Shop
Mr. Z. Curtis Cluff, Aloha Airlines
Mr. W. Blackfield, Blackfield Organization
Mr. G. W. Werstlein, Hawaiian Aircraft Sales, Ltd.
Mr. Henry M. Yawdik, Hawaiian Aircraft Sales, Ltd.
Mr. G. Livingston, HAC
Mr. M. E. Martin, HAC
Mr. B. T. Wat, HAC
Mr. Frank Der Yuen, Lockheed Air Terminals, Inc.

Respectfully submitted,


Ralph C. Honda, Secretary