

HAWAII AERONAUTICS COMMISSION
 Regular Monthly Meeting
 Saturday, March 24, 1956

The regular monthly meeting of the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission was called to order by Dr. Francis K. Sylva, Chairman on Saturday, March 24, 1956, at 10:30 a.m., in the Kauai County Board Room, Lihue, Kauai.

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

GENERAL

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 25, 1956 MEETING: The minutes were approved as circulated on motion by Mr. Pietsch, seconded by Mr. Hodgson and unanimously carried.

KAUAI

LIHUE AIRPORT:

PAVING ADDITIONAL PARKING LOT & FLOOD LIGHTING: Mr. Edwards made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Hodgson, and it was unanimously

VOTED: that the Department of Public Works and HAC staff work out suitable plans and cost estimates to pave and provide flood lighting for this additional parking area.

ADDITIONAL RESTROOMS - TERMINAL BUILDING: Mr. Edwards advised that the problem of inadequate restroom facilities has been one of considerable severity in view of the increased traffic through Lihue Airport. He pointed out that during the past year the terminal handled in excess of 160,000 passengers. He said that he has been informed that restroom facilities for ladies, at the airport, are entirely inadequate and something should be done about it. In order to get the matter underway and provide for improvement of the situation, he made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kobayashi, and it was unanimously

VOTED: that the staff and DPW investigate the problem and work up suitable plans and cost estimates to remedy the situation.

EXCHANGE OF LAND WITH LIHUE PLANTATION: Mr. Edwards explained that at the time that Lihue Airport was originally planned, it was contemplated that two runways would be required in order to allow for cross-wind conditions. However, experience has demonstrated the need for only one runway, leaving the Commission with some land (on the side of the field away from the terminal) surplus to its needs. Mr. Edwards advised that it would be advisable to exchange some of this area for land which is needed to extend the airport property line from its present point (near the Ahukini end of the runway) beyond the trees and preferably down to the beach in that direction. This would improve the safety of flying conditions at the airport and permit the removal of trees which presently constitute somewhat of a hazard to flying and have, in the past, necessitated frequent trimming.

Mr. Edwards then made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pietsch, and it was unanimously

VOTED: that the staff and Attorney General's Department be authorized to proceed with a study of this exchange and come back at the next meeting with concrete recommendations as to what next step should be taken.

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RATE FOR GROUND TRANSPORTATION CAR PARKING STALLS: Mr. Edwards advised that the completion of the most recent building project at the airport indicates that certain changes should be made in the traffic pattern and handling of automobiles on the airport property. The great increase in the amount of "for-hire" and tour business makes it imperative that these operators be given preferential treatment in the matter of parking stalls. After a considerable study of the problem by the HAC staff and operators at the airport, it would seem reasonable to reserve all of the first group of stalls, facing the terminal building, for the use of U-Drive and tour vehicles. In order to justify this preferential treatment, it will be necessary for those who enjoy this privilege to pay a sufficient sum so that the general public will not be aggrieved for loss of its right in the area. To that end, and after due consideration of the value of the property, a recommendation has been made that those stalls rent for \$5.00 per month and that the new stalls immediately adjacent to the baggage pick-up counters rent for \$10.00 per month. Mr. Edwards added that it may be that, after a trial, the rates may prove unrealistic and in need of revision; however, in order to make the space available at the present time, he made the following motion, which was seconded by Mr. Wirtz and unanimously

VOTED: that for the balance of the present calendar year, the Commission apply a rate of \$5.00 each on stalls in front of the terminal and \$10 each for stalls adjacent to the baggage pick-up counter, and that the staff be authorized to allocate these stalls between the several operators on some fair and equitable basis.

HAWAII

KONA AIRPORT

GROUND TRANSPORTATION LICENSE - MRS. EMMA KA TAKETA: Mr. Furtado made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hodgson, and it was unanimously

VOTED: to grant the request for a ground transportation (taxi) license to Mrs. Emma Ka Taketa, for operations at Kona Airport.

MAUI

PUUNENE AIRPORT

RESOLUTION FROM MAUI ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION REQUESTING RETURN OF SURPLUS LAND IN FEE SIMPLE TITLE TO THE TERRITORY:

Mr. Wirtz advised that the resolution was passed by the Maui Economic Development Association before the Association had the opportunity to consult with him. He pointed out also that the matter is tied-in with the transfer of Kahului Airport.

In view of the above factors, action on the matter was deferred.

NAS PUUNENE FIRE SEPTEMBER 28, 1955 - OFFER TO SETTLE CLAIM: An offer of \$1500 was presented from the law firm of Pratt, Tavares & Cassidy, representing Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company, Ltd., for settlement of the HAC's claim with regard to damages to buildings at Puunene Airport on September 28, 1955 as a result of cane-burning by HC&S Co.

Mr. Wirtz advised that this offer is contrary to information received from Maui. He therefore made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Pietsch, and it was unanimously

VOTED: that the matter be referred to the staff and office of the Attorney General to investigate the matter and report back.

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KAHULUI AIRPORT

GROUND TRANSPORTATION LICENSE - THOS. T. & WAYMAN FUJIMOTO (DBA TOMMY'S TAXI & U-DRIVE): Mr. Wirtz moved, and it was seconded by Mr. Pietsch and unanimously

VOTED: to grant the request for a ground transportation license to Thos. T. & Wayman Fujimoto, dba Tommy's Taxi & U-Drive.

QUITCLAIM DEED, KAHULUI AIRPORT: In view of the fact that the HAC is still awaiting advice from the Attorney General on acceptance of the Quitclaim Deed for Kahului Airport, Mr. Wirtz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kobayashi, and it was unanimously

VOTED: to defer action until the April meeting of the Commission.

CONTROL TOWER APPROPRIATION: Mr. Wirtz advised that CAA's budget requirements, covering continued operation of the Kahului Control Tower, must be in Washington by the 23rd of April. He therefore made a motion, seconded by Mr. Edwards, and it was unanimously

VOTED: that the Commission appropriate a sum of \$21,853 to cover continued operation of Kahului Control Tower, for the first six months of the next fiscal year starting July 1, 1956.

NEW CONTROL TOWER - KAHULUI AIRPORT: An inquiry as to the possibility of the HAC erecting a new control tower at Kahului in the fiscal year 1958 was made by CAA. Mr. Dolan pointed out that as soon as there is a standard CAA tower at Kahului, CAA will assume the expense of operation, provided the airport has more than a single runway.

Mr. Wirtz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hodgson, and it was unanimously

VOTED: that the staff notify the CAA that due to non-completion of the transfer of title to the T.H. it would be impossible for the HAC to give CAA any assurance of the erection of a new control tower at this time.

HANA AIRPORT

GROUND TRANSPORTATION LICENSE - HANA RANCH COMPANY: Mr. Wirtz moved, and it was seconded by Mr. Kobayashi and unanimously

VOTED: to grant the application from Hana Ranch Company for additional services to their ground transportation operations at Hana Airport.

PAVEMENT REHABILITATION: Mr. Wirtz pointed out that the rehabilitation of pavement at Hana Airport was included in the budget and that DFW has presented an estimate of \$5,120 to accomplish the job. He made a motion, seconded by Mr. Furtado, and it was unanimously

VOTED: to authorize the staff to proceed on this project and to secure bids.

OAHU

KIPAPA AIRFIELD

REQUEST FROM HERBERT ING FOR PERMISSION TO OPERATE A FLYING SCHOOL:

It was pointed out that Kipapa Airfield is the property of Oahu Sugar Company, and that the HAC is merely the caretaker of this property.

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Mr. Lee advised that Mr. Ing has asked: (1) for removal of improvements he proposes to put on the field; (2) tenure of occupancy; and (3) to have a land area on a free rent basis. Mr. Lee continued that, inasmuch as the property is not the Commission's, the HAC cannot grant right of removal unless the property owner consents. He pointed out that the present private hangar on the field was constructed by a private owner who pays ground rental; therefore, if the free-rent request is granted, it will have to be uniformly applied to others. He added, however, that he saw no objection to approving the removal of improvements, subject to concurrence of Oahu Sugar Company.

Mr. Honda made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kobayashi, and it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve Mr. Ing's request for operation of a flying school at Kipapa Airfield; that Mr. Ing be required to pay the going rate for ground rental; and that approval be given to the removal of improvements, subject to concurrence of Oahu Sugar Company.

HONOLULU AIRPORT

REPORT OF TERMINAL PLANNING & COORDINATING COMMITTEE: The Chairman advised that as a result of a meeting held by the Terminal Planning & Coordinating Committee on March 12, 1956, certain recommendations have been made by the Committee and are contained in the committee's report of the meeting.

Mr. Pietsch made a motion, seconded by Mr. Honda, and it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve the recommendations of the Committee, resulting from the Committee's meeting of March 12, 1956. (Recommendations of the TPCC are attached hereto and made a part hereof.)

HAWAII HOUSING AUTHORITY - OPERATION OF AIRPORT HOUSING: A letter of March 15, 1956 from the Hawaii Housing Authority, outlining the conditions under which the HHA would assume responsibility for the Airport Housing, was presented for consideration.

Mr. Hodgson was excused from voting on the matter, inasmuch as he acts in the capacity of attorney for the HHA.

Mr. Pietsch made a motion, seconded by Mr. Honda, and it was unanimously (with the exception of Mr. Hodgson who was, as noted, excused from voting)

VOTED: to accept the proposal of the Hawaii Housing Authority to turn over the Airport Housing to the Authority to operate as of April 1, 1956, subject to the approval of the Attorney General.

HAWAIIAN WHOLESALE FOOD PLAN, LTD.: A proposal from the Hawaiian Wholesale Food Plan (Mortimer J. Glueck), offering to purchase equipment in buildings #83 and #54, Honolulu Airport, was presented to the Commission for consideration.

The Chairman stated that he had been advised that the Navy Real Estate office would deal with tenants on matters of this sort.

The Director was instructed to advise Mr. Mortimer Glueck of the fact that the HAC does not own the equipment and that he should contact the Navy on the matter.

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TENANTS, NAVAL AIR FACILITIES AREA: - REQUESTS FOR EXTENSION OF TENANCY, ETC.: The Chairman advised that the staff has sufficient authority to handle the extension requests on an administrative basis.

HAWAIIAN AIRMOTIVE, LTD.: Hawaiian Airmotive Ltd.'s letter of February 25, 1956, requesting confirmation of action giving HAM first opportunity for occupancy of the Andrew Flying Service facility, when vacant, was presented for consideration. The Director explained that Hawaiian Airmotive would like to plan their improvement schedule for installation of certain equipment and other improvements, and would like to know definitely whether or not the space will be available to them.

It was pointed out that the joint tenancy in the facility (between Transocean Airlines and Andrew Flying Service) would expire on October 1, 1956.

In the discussion which followed, it was the consensus of the Commission that AFS's continued tenancy in the building would be dependent upon their need for the facility and their willingness to enter into a lease agreement with the Commission. Action on the matter was therefore deferred for one month to permit the staff to work the matter out with AFS.

HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE MASTER PLAN: The Chairman pointed out that The Commission has already approved a joint master plan; however, minor changes have been made to the original plan, covering which commission approval is necessary. A copy of the revised plan has been forwarded to the Commission for review and comment; the comments to be included with the proposed master plan when it is forwarded through channels for approval.

It was also pointed out, in General Sory Smith's letter of March 15, 1956, that prior to receipt of the approval of the master plan, it would be necessary to arrive at certain firm agreements for the mutual transfer of real estate between the interested agencies. In order to expedite real estate action, it would be desirable to have a signed agreement (forwarded along with General Smith's letter) between the interested agencies on the basic concept of the master plan and to establish a working committee to carry out land transfer actions.

After a brief discussion of the matter, Mr. Honda made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kobayashi, and unanimously

VOTED: to approve the signing of the instrument by the Chairman for the airport complex, subject to approval by the Attorney General.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS: On behalf of the people of Kauai, Mr. A. Q. Marcellino thanked the Commission for the work that is being done at Lihue Airport. He also said that with the completion of the improvements presently underway, they will be able to do a better job for flying.

COMMENTS RE ACTION ON HONOLULU AIRPORT HOUSING: Mr. Clark M. Ward, Honolulu Airport Housing landlord, said that he was somewhat hurt to have been taken away from his work to attend the meeting - having been led to believe that the housing landlords were to be discussed, only to find that this had not been done.

The Chairman pointed out that the matter was on the agenda and had been acted upon.

Mr. Thomas Hessian, also a Honolulu Airport Housing landlord, commented that his group had requested that he find out about their furnishings and insurance and some few other problems. He said that if the deadline for vacating were April 1, they would have only one week in which to move and would like matters settled as soon as possible.

The Chairman advised that from this point on, the handling of these details will be with the Hawaii Housing Authority.

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ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Hawaii Aeronautics Commission

Present: Dr. F. K. Sylva, Chairman
 Mr. D. W. Edwards, Vice Chairman
 Mr. R. C. Honda, Secretary
 Mr. C. J. Pietsch, Jr., Member
 Mr. J. V. Hodgson, Member
 Mr. George Y. Kobayashi, Member
 Mr. C. A. Wirtz, Member (Maui)
 Mr. David Furtado, Member (Hawaii)

Absent: Mr. Richard H. Wheeler, Member

In Attendance: Mr. R. M. Lee, Director, HAC
 Mr. J. E. Batchelder, Asst. Dir., HAC
 Mr. C. E. Perin, Manager, Kauai Cty Airports
 Mr. O. McCraw, Aloha Airline
 Mr. J. W. Cooper, JAL
 Mr. J. V. Dolan, CAA
 Mr. A. Q. Marcellino, Nawiliwili Transp. Co.
 Mr. A. V. Sullivan, Hawaii Housing Authority
 Mr. Lee Maice, HHA
 Mr. S. Takamiya, Aloha Airlines
 Mr. C. Vidinha, Jr., Kauai Police Dept.
 Mr. Fred L. Schumacher, Terr. DPW
 Mr. C. M. Ward, Honolulu Airport Housing
 Mr. Thomas Hessian " " "
 Mr. L. M. Barrett " " "
 Mr. W. T. Waterhouse, Murrayair, Ltd.
 Mr. Bill Sterms, " "
 Mr. Barlow Hardy, Garden Island Publishing
 Mr. Joseph I. Arakaki, Honolulu Star-Bulletin

Respectfully submitted,



Ralph C. Honda, Secretary

Addendum to Minutes of H.A.C. Meeting of March 24, 1956

(Recommendations of Terminal Planning & Coordinating Committee [resulting from TPCC's 3-12-56 meeting] adopted by the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission at its meeting of March 24, 1956.)

KALIHI PLAYGROUND SITE - POSSIBLE EFFECT DUE TO NEW AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT:

The Committee reviewed the contents of the letter of February 10th from the Board of Public Parks and Recreation and comments made by the Superintendent of Public Works as noted in his letter of February 23d.

It was the consensus of the Committee that the Commission is not in a position to advise the Parks Board of the effect of airport developments at this time, and that the City and County could proceed under the legislative mandate.

BUDGET LIMITATIONS - NEW TERMINAL DEVELOPMENTS: Mr. Dolan advised the Committee that financial limitations could not be realistically ascertained until the basic operational forecast from CAA is reviewed by the Committee. He felt that unless apron capacity, terminal capacity, and the over-all vehicular parking area are known factors predicated on the basic operational forecast, the budget limitation request should be withheld.

This matter was deferred until receipt of the basic operational forecast.

RELOCATION OF HANGAR NO. 30 FROM PUUNENE TO HONOLULU: The Committee deferred consideration of this subject pending conclusions of the site layout design.

PERIMETER FENCING: It was the consensus of the Committee that the fencing project should be modified to include only security fencing around the new base yard area.

HONOLULU AIRPORT TERMINAL BASIC LAYOUT SITE PLAN: Mr. Vierra presented preliminary layout schemes to the Committee and pointed out certain changes made to the plans that were presented to the Commission at its executive session immediately following the February 25th meeting. These schemes provided 4 basic terminal units: inter-island; overseas departures; overseas arrivals; and foreign arrivals.

The over-all scheme was received with favor by the Committee. The Committee felt that the overseas departure unit should embrace two separate baggage inspection and check-in counters rather than one, to serve the entire overseas passenger departure functional flow. It was the unanimous feeling of the Committee that this scheme should be adopted by the Commission.

Mr. Dolan strongly urged the Committee to provide the Architect with an adequate time-schedule to allow the architect the time required to develop various layout schemes. Mr. Dolan felt that the additional time of 2 to 3 months was necessary for the architect to develop the basic layout site plan before submission to the Commission and to CAA for action; and that the present time-table did not provide sufficient time for designing. Mr. Dolan further stressed that the apron should be minimized and that the functional units should be compacted and centered more towards the area known as Area 6.

During the discussion it was also brought out that the approval of the joint master plan complex by the Air Force, Navy, HAC and CAA would require additional time of possible similar duration before the land transfer requirements are finalized.

The Committee then unanimously voted to recommend to the DFW that they modify the time schedule to the extent that the basic layout site plan be presented to the Commission on June 22nd, and that the corresponding deferment of the time schedule be made.

Addendum

EARTH MOVING CONTRACT AND DEPOSIT OF SELECT FILL MATERIAL: The Committee reviewed the Communication from the Superintendent of Public Works, dated March 5th, on the subject matter. It was felt by the Committee that no funds could be allocated at this time for the prosecution of this project, pending the over-all financial limitations of new terminal development and modification to the design and construction time-table. It was also the consensus of the Committee that this project could be reopened without affecting the over-all planning. Therefore, this matter was deferred.

AIRPORT HOUSING: The Committee reviewed the proposal from the Honolulu Airport Landlords, dated March 5th. After considerable discussion, The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend that HAC decline the proposal submitted by the Landlords.

NEW SITE LOCATION - HONOLULU TECHNICAL SCHOOL: The Committee did not act with favor upon the request for a permanent site at Honolulu Airport for a unit of the Honolulu Technical School's aircraft training program, as contained in a letter from the Department of Public Instruction under date of March 8, 1956.

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