

DARE COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY
MINUTES of the
June 24, 2009 Meeting

Chair Charles Davidson was unable to attend the June 24 meeting so Vice Chair Willey called the meeting of the Dare County Airport Authority to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: David Harden, Richard Johnson, Steve Evans, George Henderson Jack Shea, George Wood, Linda Willey and Dwight Burrus

Members Absent: Charles Davidson

Also Attending: Robert Benson, Airport Director, Liliana Noble, and Crystal Sidwell, Airport Staff, Robert Hobbs, Airport Authority Attorney and Steve Bright, Airport Engineer

Members of the public in the audience: See attached sign in sheet.

MOTION: Jack Shea motioned to approve the Amended Agenda
SECOND: David Harden
DISCUSSION: No discussion
OPPOSED: None
OUTCOME: Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Several members from the audience requested to address the Airport Authority members so at that time the acting Chair Willey turned the floor over to Attorney Robert Hobbs to conduct public comments. He informed the audience that there were 2 public hearings on the agenda. One, after public comments, which is on the budget, if you have comments you might want to wait until the public hearing on the budget and one is Item 13, the Public Hearing on the Scarborough Square Financing, if you have comments on the financing you might want to wait until then. Otherwise the public comment section of the meeting was open and comments are limited to 3 minute. He informed them this is their time to speak but it is not a dialog between the public and the authority. The following individuals addressed the Authority.

Alice Stewart, Karen Cobb, Sybil Ross, Charles Barley, Patty Callum, James Beach, Tom Gauss, Rick Spencer, Lib Fearing.

Each individual stressed their concerns about the Scarborough Square land purchase and the motive behind it. Several references were made to a flyer being circulated in the community and a rumor about runway expansion. Individuals stressed they were opposed to the expansion of the runway and expressed their concerns about the noise and the amount of trees that would be removed. Mr. Gauss informed the audience that he has been attending meetings of the DCAA and that they were truly trying to look out for the interest of the Scarborough Square tenants and the safety of the airport and has nothing to do with extend the runway. We have been assured we will not have to move and they are not looking to clear cut the trees.

Mr. Steve Evans arrived at 7:20pm.

Since there were no further comments Acting Chair Willey closed the public comments section of the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR 09/10 AIRPORT BUDGET

Acting Chair Willey opened the public hearing for the 09/10 Airport Budget and turned the floor over the Attorney Robert Hobbs.

There were no comments so the Public Hearing was closed.

CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF 09/10 AIRPORT BUDGET

MOTION: Jack Shea motioned to approve the 09/10 Airport Budget as presented
SECOND: Steve Evans
DISCUSSION: No discussion
OPPOSED: None
OUTCOME: Carried

Acting Chair Willey opened the floor for a motion to go into closed session informing the public they were welcomed to return to the meeting after the closed session.

CLOSED SESSION:

MOTION: Jack Shea motioned to go into closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a) (5) to establish or instruct the Airport Authority staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the Airport Authority in negotiating the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition, by purchase, option, exchange, or lease, of the following real property: (1) Scarborough Square, Roanoke Island. Owned by John Wilson and William Parker, for any public purpose;

SECOND: Steve Evans
DISCUSSION: No discussion
OPPOSED: None
OUTCOME: Carried

The authority came out of closed session with no action taken.

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Acting Chair Willey called the meeting to order and announced that copies of the proposed purchase and financing contract with the owner of the Scarborough Square property are on the podium at the door of the meeting room for anyone in the audience who wants to review it.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

George Wood, Chair of the Election Committee asked that the nomination of officers be postponed until the next authority meeting.

ATTORNEY REPORT: No report

CHAIR'S REPORT:

Acting Chair Willey requested George Wood report in the absence of Chair Davidson.

On behalf of the Chair, George Wood expressed his appreciation to the public for coming out to the meeting. He stressed the airport authority would endeavor to get information out to the public in the future so there was no alarm created by misinformation. He explained the purchase of the Scarborough Square property is to remove trees that have grown up over the years and now extend into the glide path. The options we have are to remove the obstructions or to move the displaced threshold. So the acquisition of the property is necessary to remove the tree obstructions. The people living in Scarborough Square are not being displaced. We will continue to operate Scarborough Square for the benefit of the people that live there. There is no time factor on them living there; they can live there as long as they want to. Mr. Wood explained the issues dealt with in airport planning. The purchase is for safety, removal of trees and not intended for extension of the runway. On behalf of the authority we are sorry for the alarm this has caused the public.

After several questions from the audience about the airport master plan airport members and the airport engineer assured the public that the airport's intention was for safety and obstruction removal.

MOTION: George Wood motioned the Chair appoint 2 authority members to work with the staff to generate a fact sheet of what we are doing

and what the intent is so that we can distribute accurate information to the citizens of Dare County should we decide to act on item 14.

SECOND: Dwight Burrus
DISCUSSION: No discussion
OPPOSED: None
OUTCOME: Carried

Acting Chair Willey appointed George Wood, George Henderson and Dwight Burrus to serve on the committee to generate a fact sheet of what we are doing and what the intent is so that we can distribute accurate information to the citizens of Dare County should we decide to act on item 14.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: See attached report

- Approve Talbert & Bright, Inc. Work Authorization No 2301-0603 (see attached)

MOTION: Jack Shea motioned to approve Talbert & Bright Inc Work Authorization No 2301-0603 in the amount of \$12,450.00 for Scarborough Square Land Acquisition Assistance.
SECOND: David Harden
DISCUSSION: No discussion
OPPOSED: None
OUTCOME: Carried

CONSENT AGENDA:

- May 27, 2009 Minutes
- June 17, 2009 Minutes
- Committees

MOTION: Jack Shea motioned to approve the Consent Agenda
SECOND: Steve Evans
DISCUSSION: No discussion
OPPOSED: None
OUTCOME: Carried

Acting Chair Willey turned the floor over to Attorney Hobbs to oversee the public hearing for Scarborough Square Financing.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR SCARBOROUGH SQUARE FINANCING:

Attorney Hobbs reviewed the requirements for holding a public hearing and informed the public that there were copies of the contract on the podium outside for viewing. He then proceeded to open the floor for any comments about the terms of the financing for the purchase of this property.

There were no comments so the public hearing was closed.

CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF SCARBOROUGH SQUARE FINANCING AND PURCHASE CONTRACT:

MOTION: George Wood motioned the Dare County Airport Authority enter into an agreement for purchase and sale of real property known as Scarborough Square, owned by John Wilson and William Parker, with terms as described in the agreement for purchase as amended including the terms of financing for the purposes of removal of obstructions to the approach to runway 23 of the Dare County Airport on Roanoke Island and subject to NC Division of Aviation approval and conditioned upon receipt of a signed agreement from the sellers.

SECOND: Jack Shea

DISCUSSION: Terms of contract

OPPOSED: None

OUTCOME: Carried

COMMENTS FROM THE AUTHORITY MEMBERS:

Each member expressed their appreciation to the audience for coming out and sharing their concern with them. They stressing their desire to be good neighbors, expressing their concern about the misinformation and their intention to keep the public better informed.

MOTION: Steve Evans motioned to adjourn

SECOND: Jack Shea

DISCUSSION: None

OPPOSED: None

OUTCOME: Carried

Crystal Sidwell, Clerk to the Board
Dare County Airport Authority