

**CITY OF NEWPORT
AIRLINE SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE
MARCH 3, 2010
MEETING NOTES**

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 P.M. In attendance were Don Lindly, Patricia Patrick-Joling, Mike Schulz, Burt Lippman, Richard Kilbride, Gene Cossey, Penelope McCarthy, Mark McConnell, Ross Schultz, Peggy Hawker, Paul Fasciano, and Rob McKinney (via telephone). Also in attendance was Larry Coonrod, representing the Newport News-Times.

CONNECTOREGON III GRANT APPEAL - UPDATE

Voetberg reported that an appeal letter was timely filed, and that the appeal was based on new routing. The proposed new route is ONP to Boeing Field. Cossey reported that if the appeal is successful, the application will be placed into the queue with other applications. McCarthy reported that the city should hear whether the appeal is successful in approximately two weeks.

DISCUSSION ON CONSULTANT FOR THE TASK FORCE

Cost to Update the Recent Mead and Hunt Study. Cossey reported that ConnectOregon II funds can be used for a consultant to provide data for planning for sustained air service. He noted that he contacted Mead and Hunt and requested a cost to update the most recent study. The cost would be \$5,000 to \$6,000.

Discussion Regarding Releasing a Request for Proposals for a New Study. Cossey reported that Mead and Hunt proposed two other services. One is a true market estimate which would cost approximately \$7,995, and the other is a passenger demand analysis which would cost approximately \$11,470. He noted that it would cost approximately 50% - 75% more to add Astoria to the study. MOTION was made by Kilbride, seconded by McConnell, to proceed with an RFP for a full passenger analysis. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

Cossey noted that Mead and Hunt could provide a draft study in approximately sixty days.

DISCUSSION WITH SEAPORT AIRLINES

Kilbride noted that the ticket prices had changed between ONP and PDX. McKinney noted that they were adjusted due to fuel pricing.

A discussion ensued regarding the use of the Cessna Caravan versus the Pilatus PC12. McKinney noted that he is unable to give a specific date for use of the Caravan because he does not know how long it will take to obtain the aircraft

A discussion ensued regarding e-ticketing. McKinney noted that e-ticketing is available, and that he is hopeful of meeting the March 15 deadline for an interline ticketing agreement.

NEXT MEETING

It was concluded that information on forming an airport district be shared at the next meeting, and that the next meeting be held on April 7, 2010, if sufficient agenda items exist.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:58 P.M.