

City of Clearwater

*Main Library - Council Chambers
100 N. Osceola Avenue
Clearwater, FL 33755*



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 28, 2024

3:00 PM

Special Meeting

Main Library - Council Chambers

Airpark Advisory Board

Roll Call

Present 3 - Chair Roger Schulman, Board Member Thomas Crockett, and Board Member John Renton

Also Present – Michael MacDonald - Marine & Aviation Director, Bill Hodgson – Marine & Aviation Assistant Manager, and Nicole Sprague – Deputy City Clerk

1. Call To Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

3. Citizens to be Heard Regarding Items Not on the Agenda

4. New Business Items

- 4.1 Board Member Discussion on the installation of a permanent or temporary beacon at the Clearwater Airpark.

Concerns were expressed related to the plane crash in Clearwater on February 1, 2024. It was said that Clearwater Airpark has never had a rotating beacon and that it should be a high priority item. It was said that there is no way to tell if a rotating beacon would have helped the pilot locate the Airpark the night of the accident. The rotating beacon is identified in the Master Plan as an upcoming project.

In response to suggestions, Marine and Aviation Director Michael MacDonald said geotechnical survey work is being done and once complete, a location for a beacon will be determined. He said the beacon is a priority for FlyUSA and everyone is working at priority speed, however, the survey work must be completed first. A vendor has been selected for the survey work. He said he could not give a timeline on how long the survey work would take and how long until a beacon location is determined.

Discussion ensued with comments made that the process is moving along as fast as possible and that the beacon remains a priority.

6. Director's Report

7. Board Members to be Heard

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

Attest:

Chair, Airpark Advisory Board

Board Reporter