

The Seven hundred and forty-eighth Meeting of the Worcester Regional Airport Commission was held on Monday, August 14, 2006 at 6:30 PM in the Conference Room of the Worcester Regional Airport Terminal Building.

Members present were: Chairman James Delehaunty, Vice-Chairman Joseph Zwirblia and Commissioners Timothy DeSantis, Thomas Reynolds and Patsy SantaMaria.

Also present were: Eric Waldron, Airport Director and Philip Niddrie, Airport Liason.

Chairman Delehaunty opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

### **1. Approval of minutes of the July 31<sup>st</sup> meeting**

Commissioner SantaMaria moved, seconded by Vice-Chairman Joseph Zwirblia, to approve the minutes of the July 31, 2006 meeting. **All in favor - So Voted.**

### **2. Report of the Commission Chairman**

Chairman Delehaunty noted that there will be two action items under New Business for the Members to consider. The second item, a request by PUMA Corp. to shoot still photograph advertisements in the terminal is a request that was received after the current Agenda was completed.

### **3. Commissioner's Reports**

- **Marketing-** No Report
- **Aviation-** No Report
- **Master Plan-** No Report

(There were no reports on the above items because of the short time between the Commission Meeting of the July 31<sup>st</sup> meeting and the August 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting)

### **4. Reports of the Airport Director**

- **Report on Allegiant Operations:** Mr. Waldron reported that the Allegiant numbers for enplaned and deplaned passengers for July were very strong. However, we do not have figures for their "yield" for the month of July and that figure remains, as reported last month, a significant concern for Worcester and Allegiant.
- **Development Sites RFP:** RFP's are on track and scheduled to be finalized by staff at the end of this month and reviewed by Worcester and Massport Legal Departments in order to be issued to the public in September.
- **NBAA Conference:** No change. We still expect to send representatives to this conference in October.
- **Annual Certification Inspection by the FAA:** Mr. Waldron reported that the inspection went well and without any deficiencies or findings being identified. There was a very positive response from the FAA Inspector.

## 5. Old Business

- **Marketing Report:** Mr. Niddrie reported no additional activity since the July 31<sup>st</sup> report. Advertising continues through the Allegiant / Worcester Agreement and Worcester continues to do ads on its own highlighting the benefits of flying from Worcester.
- **Airport Name Change:** No Report
- **Energy Task Force Update:** No Report

## 6. New Business

- **State Aviation Fuel Tax:** Mr. Waldron reviewed the history of the State Tax on Aviation that was instituted and accepted by the City in 1989. After extensive discussion, Commissioner SantaMaria moved, seconded by Commissioner Reynolds that:

**The Worcester Regional Airport Commission, in an effort to encourage more Commercial and General Aviation activity at the Airport, hereby rescinds the vote of August 15<sup>th</sup>, 1989 which recommended to the City Manager the adoption of Mass. General Laws 64j section 13 relative to the imposition, payment, collection and distribution of a tax on the sale or use of aircraft fuel in the City of Worcester and recommends to the City Manager that he request the City Council to do the same at their next meeting. All in favor - So Voted.**

- **PUMA Commercial:** PUMA has requested a license agreement to shoot a commercial/advertisement in the Terminal. Commissioner SantaMaria moved, seconded by Commissioner Reynolds to approve the request by PUMA to shoot a commercial/advertisement in the Terminal, and to authorize the Chair or Vice-Chair to sign all requisite documents related to this matter, for a fee to be negotiated by the Airport Director. **All in favor-So Voted.**

Prior to adjourning, the next meeting date was set for September 11, 2006, at 6:30 p.m. in the Airport Terminal Conference Room.

## 7. Adjournment

Commissioner SantaMaria moved, seconded by Vice-Chairman Joseph Zwirblia, to adjourn the meeting. **All in favor - So Voted.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

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Eric N. Waldron, A.A.E., ACE  
Airport Director and  
Clerk of the Commission