Frederick Municipal Airport (FDK)

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Joint City/County Meeting

AGENDA

• Mission/Vision
• Airport Commission
• History
• About the Airport
• Funding Programs
• Noise Abatement Program
• Current and Future Development Plans
• Conclusions, Questions and Answers
Mission:
To serve as an economic development driver and recreational resource for Frederick (City & County) and as a general aviation reliever airport for the region.

Vision:
To be the preferred corporate executive airport in the Baltimore / Washington region.
Mission:
The Commission advises City officials and staff on policies, programs, and issues relating to the use and operation of the Airport. The Commission helps ensure that aviation continues to be an integral part of the local, regional, and national transportation system and economy.

Meetings:
Monthly on 4th Thursday

7 Voting Commission Members:
- Jon Harden, Commission President and Multi-User Rep
- Dan Loftus, Pilot Representative
- Edmond “Ted” Gregory, Business Representative
- Rotating FBO Business Representative
  - Steve Southworth, Signature Flight Support
  - Neil Lanning, Advanced Helicopter Concepts
  - Jim Piccirilli, Frederick Flight Center
- Citizen Rep – Presently Vacant
- Alderman Michael O’Connor – City Liaison
- Councilwoman Jessica Fitzwater – County Liaison
- Rick Johnson, Airport Manager – Non Voting
History

• The Story of Frederick Municipal Airport (FDK)
• Originally located at Ft Detrick
• Construction began in 1946 at the current site
• Airport was dedicated April 27, 1949
• Runway 5/23 Constructed in the 1970’s
• Runway 12/30 Constructed in the 1980’s
About FDK

- Aeronautical Information:
  - FAA Identifier: KFDK
  - Designated Reliever Airport
  - Towered Facility
- Owned and Operated by The City of Frederick – “Sponsor”
- 616 Acres of Land
- Located within the East Frederick Rising Planning Area
- MWCOG Designated Regional Activity Center
- 264 Based Aircraft
  - Including 7 corp. users
  - Mix of aircraft; glider, blimp, single engine, etc
- 100,000 Annual Operations
- Voluntary Noise Abatement Program
About FDK

- Air Traffic Control Tower
  - Contractor Operated
- Instrument Landing System (ILS) Approach
- On-Site Fixed Base Operator (FBO)
- Fixed Wing & Helicopter Training
- Two Runways
  - 5/23 (primary) – 5,219’ x 100’
  - 12/30 (secondary) – 3,600’ x 75’
Airport Diagram

R44 & R22 Helicopters
Regional Economic Impact

Source of data: Maryland Aviation Administration (MAA)
# About FDK

## Based Businesses and Clubs

- AOPA
- AVEMCO
- MSP
- RC&A
- AHC
- Experimental Aircraft Association
- FFC
- Airways Inn
- Liberty Air
- Cirrus Aircraft Sales
- Signature Flight Support
About FDK

Transient Corporate Operators

~300 Businesses Use FDK Annually

- Bechtel Corporation
- Big Top Manufacturing
- Orison B. Curpier Company
- HBE Corporation
- Guitar Center, Inc.
- FlexJet
- University of South Carolina
- Keller Companies
- Target Corp.
- Allegheny Power
- Brantigan Research
- Weis Markets
- Virginia Polytechnic Institute
- Construction Helicopters
- Allied Services, Inc.
- American Express
- Bio Reference Lab
- NetJets
- Wal-Mart
- Yum Brands, Inc.
- Delaware Park, LLC
- Eaton Corp.
- Chesapeake Bay Helicopters
- Becton Dickinson Co, Inc.
- Giant Eagle
- Bell Helicopter Textron Canada Limited
- Cirrus Design Corporation
- HarbourVest Partners, LLC
- Snyder Manufacturing, Inc.
- Beckman & Associates, Inc.
- Challenger Equity LLC
INCOME SOURCES

- Lease Agreements
  - T-hangars
  - Tie Downs
  - Flight Center
  - Advanced Helicopter
  - Maryland State Police
  - Richard Crouse and Associates
  - Signature Aviation
  - Airways Inn

- Fuel Sales
  - Signature Aviation

- Agricultural Agreements
Airport Capital Funding

- For Eligible Projects
  - FAA 90%*
  - MAA 5%
  - County 2.5%
  - City 2.5%

- For Revenue Projects (corporate, t-hangars)
  - Airport Enterprise Fund

*Where does FAA get it’s money? From Commercial Aviation Ticket Sales.
Noise Abatement Program
CURRENT EFFORTS

• Property Acquisitions - COMPLETE
• Bailes Lane Demolition Obstruction Removal - COMPLETE
• Gas Line Relocation / Further Grading - UNDERWAY
• Runway & Taxiway Extension – NEXT 3 YEARS
Airport Development Plan

FUTURE EFFORTS

• Branding/Marketing
  – New logo, conferences, advertising, social media/web

• Continue with strategies for sustainability
  – Control Tower was 80% Bronze Level LEED Certified

• Snow Removal Equipment Building
  – House nearly $1.1 Million Dollars worth of Equipment
  – Project has virtually all its approvals and is ready for MAA Funds

• Corporate and T-Hangar Construction

• Consider Solar as an alternative energy resource and for supplemental revenue
Winter Storm Jonas

- 36” of Snow – Blizzard Conditions
- 8.8 Million Cubic Feet of Snow Removed
- 132 Million Pounds of Snow Removed
  - Primarily by Two Staff Members
Conclusion – Q & A

MetLife Blimp Visiting

A Winter Morning Hot Air Balloon Ride

Marine 1; a regular visitor to FDK