

MINETA SAN JOSE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Minutes of the Airport Commission Meeting

WEDNESDAY

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

January 26, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The Airport Commission of the Mineta San José International Airport (SJC) met for a special session on Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at 9:00 p.m. via Zoom Conference.

ATTENDEES

COMMISSIONERS

Dan Connolly, Chair	- Present
Ken Pyle, Vice-Chair	- Present
Lisa Marie Smith	- Absent
Surjit Bains	- Present at 9:23pm
Catherine Hendrix	- Present
Robert Hencken	- Present
Joe Head	- Present
Prateek Gupta	- Absent
Nick Patel	- Present

AIRPORT STAFF PRESENT

Kim Hawk
John Aitken
Judy Ross
Drew Niemeyer
Rebekah Bray
Scott Wintner
Scott Riddle

COMMISSION SECRETARY/ MANAGER OF STRATEGY & POLICY

Matthew Kazmierczak - Present

COUNCIL LIAISON

David Cohen - Present
Marlee Smith - Present

1. **CALL TO ORDER & ORDERS OF THE DAY**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 p.m. with seven Commissioners in attendance.

a. **Commission accepted the agenda and orders of the day**

2. **PUBLIC RECORD**

Public Records located on SJC Commission Website

[Public Records](#)

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment for items not on the agenda: None.

4. **Business**

a. **Electronic Billboards Report and Discussion**

Public comments were taken on this matter from Dr Paul D. Lynam, Anthony Leones, John Miller, Jason Hemp, Les Levitt, Mike Sodergren, and Steve Cohen.

The Airport Commission discussed what they heard in the study session and offered their individual opinions.

Motion: To accept the Amendment to the to the Norman Y. Mineta San José International Master plan Environmental Impact Report (SCH #2018102020)

Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Hencken, seconded by Commissioner Head, the motion passes. (5-2-0 with 2 absent)

Motion: To proceed with the two billboards as presented by staff.

Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Hencken, the motion fails for lack of a second.

Motion: To not proceed with the two billboards at the Norman Y. Mineta San José International Airport.

Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Head, seconded by Vice Chair Pyle, the motion passes. (5-1-0 with 3 absent)

Motion: Airport Commission requests that the San José City Council re-evaluate Council Policy 6-4 and Title 23 of the San José Municipal Code in view public opposition to billboards in San José and San José’s Climate and Vision Zero Policies.

Action: Upon motion by Vice Chair Pyle, seconded by Commissioner Hendrix, the motion passes. (5-1-0 with 3 absent)

Motion: Airport Commission makes the following recommendation to the San José City Council:

- Airport should study multiple way to generate unencumbered revenue beyond digital billboards (e.g. solar farms, property development, etc.)
- The city should be enforcing illegally constructed digital billboards (e.g. Highway 87, and 101/880) as well as those billboards that are blighted.
- If the city proceeds with the digital billboard proposal then
 - Green power mitigation above and beyond San Jose Clean Energy
 - Billboard illumination and operation times should be coordinated with Lick Observatory for both digital & traditional billboards. Dark hours between midnight and 6 AM, minimum.
 - The city should closely examine the RFP process for future billboards.

Action: Upon motion by Commission Patel, seconded by Commissioner Hendrix, the motion passes. (5-1-0 with 3 absent)

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting concluded at 10:34 pm.

ATTEST:

Dan Connolly
Chairperson

Matthew Kazmierczak
Commission Secretary