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To: Board of Directors and Members

From: Tom Meng

Subject: **Aviation Update as of October 1, 2020**

The following update is from Council Herdman regarding the Aviation Committee's Airport Update Meeting 9/30 that involved Councilman Herdman, Councilwoman Diane Dixon and city staff.

1. Meetings with air carriers continue to take place in the form of an Air Carrier Roundtable. The most important item on that roundtable is use of the takeoff procedure known as NADP1 (the highest and fastest procedure). Five of the six major airlines departing from JWA are now using this takeoff procedure. We continue to work with the one airline left.
2. Members of the Aviation Committee's Technical/Departure Sub Committee for the next 60 days will be working with our noise consultant (HMMH) on monitoring the use of takeoff flight pattern NADP 1 by all airlines. It is important to have this data (speed and altitude reached at departure). This subcommittee is also working on strategies for communicating the message of using NADP 1 to pilots (reminder signage on the runway, for example).
3. Currently, the use of JWA terminals by passengers, and therefore flights, is down 70% from before COVID. Airlines are bleeding billions of dollars right now and are looking for help from the federal government. They are simply not buying newer, quieter aircraft, and are looking to have to make heavy layoffs.
4. *Spirit Air* and *Air Canada* are new airlines soon to be flying out of JWA. *Spirit* will be using the Airbus 320 with three flights a day; *Air Canada* will have just one flight a day.
5. GAIP (General Aviation Improvement Program) is currently in the permitting process which will take approximately one year. Construction will likely begin in 2022 and will be completed over a seven-year period. We have asked the airport for language that explains this timeline for it will be important for us to keep an eye on how the green and yellow areas of the GAIP map/plan are developed.
6. The Aviation Committee's Government Relations Sub Committee will soon begin work on developing a proposed Fly Quiet Program for both general and commercial aviation. JWA has recently brought on HMMH as their new Airport Noise Consultant, the same firm that we have employed for data collection over the last two years. This is clearly an advantage to our City. HMMH has written several Fly Quiet Programs and are familiar with the initiatives adopted by our Aviation Committee. Also, data is data - there is no space for argument or disagreement, and HMMH is considered internationally one of the best in the field.

