

SUBJECT: The Wasilla Municipal Airport Reopening Celebration

PREPARED BY: Planning Staff

DATE: August 3, 1999

FOR AGENDA OF: August 9, 1999

SUMMARY:

The Wasilla Municipal Airport reopening celebration is scheduled for September 11 at 1:30 PM.

The reopening will be highlighted by a ribbon cutting by the Mayor and Council to celebrate the completion of landing strip, taxi way, and road paving and instillation of the security fencing.

Attached is the DRAFT invitation that will be mailed to all airplane owners in the south central region. These pilots are likely customers of the airport. In addition to the mailed invitation to pilots, a general public invitation will be placed in local papers and with other media.

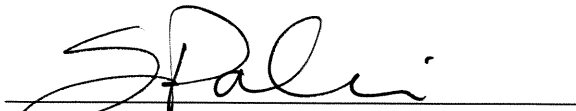
Public demand for hanger space and general services continues to grow. If all applications requested over the past month are turned in, and there is only one outstanding at this time, almost all City lease space will be filled. Don Shiesl and I are looking at other lease space now, however, we need to get the airport master plan underway before we get too much space committed.

Close coordination on lease locations, facility design including exterior color (Tahoe Blue/Norclad Metal Siding) by Public Works, Economic Development, the Airport Working Group, and applicants has been very successful. As a result, there is a high willingness by applicants to meet facility minimums and esthetic requirements to ensure the airport is attractive. The working group assists in reviewing complaints and suggestions. This group has also identified issues and project goals that meet private and commercial user needs and expectations in anticipation of the Master Plan process.

Tentatively scheduled at the celebration are:

- Marine Corps Band or the Wasilla High School Band
- Military Dignitaries
- FAA Dignitaries
- Military Planes and Equipment
- The 99s (an organization of women pilots who will paint the compass rose once it is surveyed in)
- Antique Planes
- Area Fly in
- Local and Anchorage Media

A short briefing by Mayor Palin on the future plans for the airport will conclude the celebration.

FISCAL IMPACT: None**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** None


Reviewed by SARAH PALIN, Mayor

Presented with: _____
Date: 8/9/99 **Verified by:** SP

Attachments: None

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