

PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD
Tuesday, May 9, 2023
Ithaca Tompkins International Airport
FINAL MEETING MINUTES

Members Attending

Name		Representation	Name		Representation
Liddy Bargar	E	Human Services	Gay Nicholson	P	At-Large
Joe Bowes	P	Housing	Christine O'Malley	P	Cultural/Historic Preservation
Fernando de Aragón	E	Transportation	C.J. Randall	P	Local Planning (non-urban)
Jordan Decker	P	Energy	Leslie Schill	P	Education #2
Yamila Fournier	P	Built Environment	Andy Zepp	E	Land Preserv./Public Land Mgmt.
George Frantz	E	Agriculture			
David Herrick	E	Facilities/Infrastructure	Others Present		
David Kay	P	Local Planning (urban)	Eliot Benman	P	Housing & Community Dev Planner
Thomas Knipe	E	Business	Katie Borgella	P	Commissioner
Anne Koreman	P	County Legislature	Kristin McCarthy	P	County Staff
Ernie McClatchie	E	Education #1	Megan McDonald	P	Deputy Commissioner
Heather McDaniel	P	Economic Development			

Guests: None

Editor's Note: Before meeting officially started, several attendees were given a tour of the Ithaca Tompkins International Airport, including new terminal, by airport operations team.

Call to Order/Agenda Review and Changes/Privilege of the Floor: Chair C.J. Randall called the meeting to order at 4:14pm. No changes to agenda, and no privilege of the floor. Attendees introduced themselves around the table. Jordan Decker is moving to a new position with the consulting firm Cadmus. David Kay is chairing the City of Ithaca's new Sustainability and Climate Justice Commission. Christine O'Malley will also serve on the commission.

Action: Approval of Draft Minutes (April 2023): The draft April 2023 minutes were approved (moved by Christine O'Malley, seconded by Jordan Decker) as submitted.

Commissioner's Report: Katie updated group on Housing Affordability and Supportive Infrastructure Grant program and community outreach efforts related to the updated preliminary FEMA flood maps. She shared highlights from two recent open houses hosted by FEMA and passed around copies of a draft informational mailer the County plans to distribute to affected City of Ithaca residents. PAB members were asked to send suggested edits and other feedback related to mailer to Kristin McCarthy. Group discussed timeline for maps to go into effect, flood control and mitigation, dredging, intermunicipal collaboration, upcoming Cornell student presentation at Tompkins County Public Library on flooding (C.J. will send information for Kristin to share out), funding, and more.

Presentation: Ithaca Tompkins International Airport – Heather McDaniel, TC Air Services Board
 Heather McDonald, who is chairing the TC Air Services Board for a second year, gave an update on the Ithaca airport and status of the airline industry in general. Her presentation, which the Air Services Board has been giving to groups and partners around the community, touched on various subjects. These included history and purpose of Air Services Board, building back from Covid-19 impacts to travel industry, national/international pilot shortage, need to encourage local population to fly out of Ithaca, strategic marketing to airlines and consumers, scheduling and top destinations, collaborations with Cornell, Ithaca College, and other community partners, and more. Among other topics, group discussed ways to change perception that it's expensive to fly out of Ithaca (important to consider whole cost) and to leverage airport's safety record and green infrastructure.

Report/Discussion: Update on Development Opportunity Outreach – *Eliot Benman, DPS*

Not given due to time constraints.

Member Items

Sustainable Finger Lakes has launched the Mobile Home Pilot Program. Funded in part by the Tompkins County Community Recovery Fund, the program provides funding for air source heat pumps and electrical panel upgrades to low- to moderate-income mobile home owners.

Adjournment: Chair C.J. Randall adjourned the meeting at 5:05pm.