



## Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting

The PDK Master Plan Technical Advisory Committee met on Wednesday, November 7, 2018 at 1:00 PM at the Chamblee Public Library.

### The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

*The TAC is comprised of airport users with substantial knowledge of technical aspects of the airport. Members are appointed by airport management and will include corporate pilots, flights schools, PDK - Airport Association, FBOs, airport leaseholders, airport businesses, PDK Air Traffic Control Tower, National Business Aircraft Association, Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association, and tie down/t-hanger tenants. Staff from the FAA and the GDOT are also invited.*

### TAC Meeting #1 Goals and Objectives:

- Inform committee of master planning process
- Define roles and responsibilities
- Begin discussion of vision for PDK master plan

**Members Present:** Trey C., Chris Primrose, Patrick O'Neil (Major Leaseholder), Evanthe Papastahis (Flight School 2), Greg Voos (NBAA Rep), Dr. James Frank (T-Hanger), Barbara Bomwn (Tie Down 1), Tracie Kleine (GDOT), Joseph Robinson (GDOT), James Storm (FAA Facilities Rep), John Smith (standing in for Russell Fagan), Vince Todoroff (Atlantic FBO – standing in for Paul Reynolds), Patrick Whitmore (FBO – EPPS), Lexis Crosby (PDK ATCT), Dan Emin (Flight School 1), Orlando

**Members Absent:** Howard Joe (T-hanger), John Barnett (PDK Pilot Assistant Rep), Shane Dale (FBO – EPPS), Lori Bell (AOPA Rep), Mark Clark (Tie Down 2), Randy Carpenter (Tenant)

**Others Present:** Airport Director Mario Evans, Deputy Airport Director Marshall Taggart, Noise and Environmental Analyst Nate Schattner, Jim Duguay of Michael Baker, Fola Shelton of Michael Baker, Mackenna Perkins of Michael Baker, Katie Cash of Smartegies, Erika Dorland of Smartegies, and Regan Radakovich of Smartegies.

The TAC meeting began at 1:00 PM.

- I. Katie Cash from Smartegies welcomed everyone to the committee meeting and introduced everyone from the Michael Baker, PDK Airport, and Smartegies Team.
- II. Mario Evans from PDK Airport introduced himself and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.
- III. Jim Duguay introduced himself and the rest of the Michael Baker team and informed the committee of his role on the project. Jim spoke about the following topics:
  - a. Objectives for today's meeting
  - b. About PDK Airport



- c. What is an Airport Master Plan?
  - d. The Master Planning Process
  - e. Airport Facility Inspection
  - f. Forecasts for Aeronautical Activity
  - g. Project Timeline
  - h. Purpose of Public Involvement
  - i. Public Involvement Program
  - j. Technical Advisory Committee
- IV. Katie Cash reviewed the following topics:
- a. What We Need From You
  - b. Ground Rules for Committee Participation
  - c. How You Can Help – Sharing is Caring

Opened the floor for questions:

- V. How long the master plan is along the process?
- a. Jim answered that the process started in late August, so they are about 3 months into the process.
  - b. Committee Member suggested that Michael Baker should speak with a representative of the CDC about their plans for the laboratories near the airport.

Let's Discuss PDK....

Collect feedback on the following items from the committee members. Will share collective feedback from all committees at next meeting.

- VI. What could be improved?
- a. Shared a few written by committee members - Better signage (airfield and landside), upgrade to landscaping, more parking
- VII. What is your vision for the airport in 20 years?
- b. Shared a few written by committee members - More ramp space for more aircraft, remove unused concrete, new control tower, lower ILS numbers
- VIII. What do you see as strengths?
- c. Shared a few written by committee members – location, desire for the expansion of the airport, new investments in renovation of epps building, e-mas, annual air show, blackened chicken sandwich
- IX. What do you see as weaknesses?
- d. Shared a few written by committee members – airport is somewhat land locked, signage, self-service fueling, lack of winter operations equipment, rain runoff, general traffic, perception of noise, aging of navigation equipment, departure wait times
- X. What do you see as unmet opportunities?



- e. Shared a few written by committee members – incorporating drone usage, lack of aviation museum or other community use space to really show the community what the airport is, have not advertise the events at the airport as much as it should, nearby hotel, have better controllers, service roads
- XI. Mario Evans recommended that all of the members get feedback from other tenants, since we can't get feedback from all of them.
- XII. Katie Cash discussed the following topics:
- a. Review Next Steps
  - b. Committee Meeting #2
  - c. Committee Meeting #3
- Katie reminded everyone to visit the website to learn more about the master plan.

The TAC meeting was dismissed at 2:00 PM.