

September 8, 2016

Mayor Brian Treece and Members of the Columbia City Council  
City Hall  
701 E. Broadway  
Columbia, MO 65201

Dear Mayor Treece and Members of the City Council:

During its September 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Columbia Regional Airport Advisory Board discussed the proposed changes to Chapter 3 of the City's Code of Ordinances, Article II, Section 3-22, dealing with reconfiguring of the makeup of Columbia Regional Airport Advisory Board.

There was significant discussion about this proposed change and those who should be represented on the board. Some believed that the city should not have any specific representative membership but instead should appoint those who have an interest in the airport. By limiting membership to suggested categories, some felt that it unfairly excluded other categories of members. For example, attorneys, CPAs, engineers, and other professionals could add important viewpoints not considered by the categories of board representatives outlined in the proposed ordinance. In addition, some members expressed concern that there might not be anyone that applies under certain proposed categories and, therefore those positions would go unfilled. Finally, some members felt that certain categories of representations, were unduly vague, such as "major employer" and "educational institution".

Others on the Board believed that the recommendations from the city staff were appropriate. They felt that the staff put considerable thought into the suggested representation and were not concerned that the positions would go unfilled because of significant interest in the future of the airport. The members that supported the staff recommendations suggested that the city was changing the focus from being part of public works, and a utility, to a marketing/economic development function where the emphasis would be on growing the airport and enhancing its economic impact on the Columbia area.

Attached are two motions that were voted on by the board.

Best regards,

Greg Cecil  
Chair – Columbia Regional Airport Advisory Board

Bill Escott made a motion:

Council Bill No. B 238-16

Sec. 3.22 (a) bullet point one should be amended to read:

“Five (5) Members shall be appointed by the city council and shall be residents of the city, may be comprised but not limited to the following:

John Riddick Seconded the motion.

Roll call vote taken:

BJ Hunter – yes

Greg Cecil- yes

Gene Allen- yes

Bill Escott- yes

Tim Holekamp- yes

Steve Faber- yes

Randy Eckley- Yes

Britt Smith- yes

John Riddick – yes

Motion passed unanimously.

Steve Faber made a motion:

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Sec. 3.22 (a) be amended to strike "Five (5) members appointed by the city council specifically described in 5 bullet points and substitute the following:

"Five (5) Residents of the City of Columbia who will provide representation of varies constituents and expertise germane to development and success of Columbia Regional Airport."

John Riddick seconded the Motion.

Roll call vote taken:

BJ Hunter- No

Greg Cecil- No

Gene Allen- No

Bill Escott- No

Britt Smith-No

Tim Holtkamp- Yes

Steve Faber- Yes

Randy Eckley- Yes

John Riddick – Yes

5 No, 4 yes. Motion failed.