

Oroville Planning Commission  
Monday, June 18, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 by Vice-Chairman, Arnie Marchand, at the Dorothy Scott International Airport.

Commissioners Present: Arnie Marchand, Suzie Seger, Valorie Johnston, Sue Edick, Luis Perez, and Alternate Paul Neir

Absent: none

Staff present: Deanna Rowton and Christian Johnson

Steve Johnston, manager of the airport, spoke to us about our local facility.

First, he explained that this is the only "international airport" in the area. The significance of that is that it belongs to a national infrastructure that allows for federal funding for certain things. It has been declared "international" by Congress.

The airport is a public facility that requires a lot of maintenance but makes a very small amount of revenue. The discussion then led to the Industrial Park and also airport fuel.

Steve reported that this airport averages 10 "operations" per day. "Operations" is defined by a take-off or a landing.

The question was brought up regarding, "do people that land here, come to spend some time in Oroville?" The answer was that very few do. Also discussed was the fact that residential homes in close proximity to the airport are not owned by people that use the airport.

Steve showed us and passed around a periodical called "Wings" and pointed out an article of interest.

There was discussion on widening the runway and the current plan to move it eastward. Expansion of the facility was a topic that included discussion about financing also.

Structures around the airport were talked about, including zoning of the area.

Lastly, the question "Who was Dorothy Scott?" was asked and a bit of history was given.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05. The next meeting will be 7/16/18.