

Airpark Community Advisory Committee (ACAC)

May 20, 2025

7 – 8:30 PM

Montgomery County Upper County Community Center
8201 Emory Grove Road
Gaithersburg, MD 20877



Attendees:

Members:

Bobbi Besley
Justin Bollum, non-voting
H Michael Brown
Aaron Kraut representing Councilmember Luedtke, non-voting
Jake Adler representing Ruben Rosario, non-voting
William “Skip” Reindollar
Karen Kodjanian
Lynne Stein Benzion
Dale Tuttle

County Staff Liaison:

Jake Adler

Guests:

Mollie Hilty
Lucy Seifert

Action Items

April 15th Meeting Minutes Approval

No modifications were proposed by committee members to the April 15th meeting minutes. Minutes were approved unanimously by the committee and posted on the [ACAC Webpage](#).

New Business

The committee discussed questions they posed to the FAA and MAA and the responses received from these agencies. The questions and answers will be posted on the ACAC webpage.

The committee discussed actions of DC Metro, dismantling and selling parts of a plane that belonged to a tenant who had passed away and therefore payments on leased space stopped. This incident is under investigation by the Montgomery County Police Department.

Two members of the ACAC summarized their visit to the Frederick County Airport. Overall they came away very impressed with the airport facilities and its operations. Part of the

reason for this is that the Frederick County Government directly manages the airport and puts focus on economic development and community impact.

Annual Report Discussion

A number of topics likely be to covered in the annual report were discussed as well as the structure of the document. This included improvements to the Airpark Fly Friendly Program. Concerns as to whether violations of federal, state and local regulations could have an impact on FAA grants and cause the Airpark to lose out on funds. Necessary facility improvements to bring the Airpark up to code as well as encourage new business. No official recommendations or votes were taken during any of this discussion.

ACAC members were encouraged to continue working on the annual report. An idea was floated to see if an offline Teams meeting of the committee to go over the report would be possible. The committee would check whether this would be permissible.

Community Input/Feedback

Two members of the community, Mollie Hilty and Lucy Seifert, provided in-person comments during the community input portion of the meeting.

Following a unanimous committee vote the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm.