

Goals for Marin County Aviation Commission

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Q1

Accomplishments for FY 2014-2015 For the past year, July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015, the Aviation Commission reports these accomplishments: **Successfully sponsored the airport Vision and Stakeholder Workshop in relation the Runway extension Updating of aircraft and insurance requirements for airport tenants Relocated the Aviation Commission meetings and adjusted start times to the Civic Center to accommodate larger numbers of community members What would you suggest be changed, deleted or added?**

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Rather thin of "accomplishments"! I would have preferred to see at least one tangible improvement in the condition of the airport.

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Direct road from 101 be reopened. Makes airport more accessible to the public and a cafe might be once again opened for all.

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Move the Aviation Commission meetings back to Gnos.

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Corrections: 1. Airport Vision and Stakeholder Workshop was the "brainchild" of the Board of Supervisors" That "requirement" was dealt to the DPW, who in turn "asked" the Commission to support it. As for sponsoring the event, that is like me sponsoring the IRS to require that I submit a federal income tax return annually. 2. There is no change to the requirements for aircraft to be based in hangars (and not vehicles or used for storage) and that they be insured (naming the County as additionally covered). "Big hat, no cattle." 3. The moving of the Commission's meetings (and their start times) was again requested by the DPW (led by the Supervisors?) in order to accommodate more members of the public to attend and participate. In summary, appoint "credit" where credit is due. Delete all three as accomplishments.

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Return Airport Commission Meetings to Airport

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No changes suggested.

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Nothing at this time

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I think the insurance updates can be done less frequently.

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Sponsored V & S Workshop "In Partnership With GFCA" (without GFCA announcements to airport tenants and interested parties, only those against the extension would have attended the meeting).

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That's all they accomplished last year? Not ONE actual demonstrable repair or improvement to the airport or tenant's quality of life.

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I think the Aviation Commission should be abolished. It has no power and lulls citizens into thinking that if they comment before that commission, "the powers" will hear their comments. The role of the AvCom could easily be taken by the clearly non-governmental GFCA with its clear mission to lobby in behalf of the airport..

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encourage / direct / support airport management in its effort to aggressively enforce the requirement that EVERY hangar house an airworthy aircraft with some exception for home built in progress. Many aircraft are turned away for lack of adequate hangar rental space.

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Protecting the airport from irreparable damage from neglect.

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Post agendas and minutes on both airport bulletin boards and send them out by e-mail to GFCA members and airport tenants.

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I would suggest moving the airport meetings back to the airport as traveling to San Rafael for a meeting makes the commission very detached from the airport.

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Accomplish the runway extension and other improvements for SAFETY ASAP!

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Complete runway extension and improvements for safety

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• Vigorously promote an upgraded AWOS system. • Cooperate with Petaluma through a memorandum of understanding for courtesy long term parking of based aircraft when either airport is out of service for weather related events, earthquake damage, construction, etc.

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relocate the airport commission meeting to the airport. Space is available

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All tenants be sent a separate e-mail each month advising them of Airport Commission meetings and agendas

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Q2

Goal #1: Support the County's efforts for the proposed Gross Field runway and taxiway extension Provide input to staff on the environmental review process (EIS/EIR). Provide input to staff on the updated aviation forecast and other updated reports as they become available. Provide input to staff on the Airport Layout Plan update. What would you suggest be changed, deleted or added to this goal?

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1. Replace the consultant who did a poor job of addressing a few key issues, then mishandled their work/positions in the EIR hearing, February 2014. 2. Hire a new firm (this time one that is experienced and capable) and begin the Airport Layout Plan NOW. Funds are available for this. Stop stalling and move forward. 3. Regardless if aviation forecast shows that there are fewer flights into/out of Gross, current runway length cannot accommodate the existing small jets who are based there. No means to grow that fleet AT ALL without a proper length runway. Sources of revenue are not being fully actualized by too short runway (fuel purchases, more flights, the basing of any more small jets, which would increase the tax base). Any consideration by the FAA or other agency to lengthen the runway less than an additional 1,000 feet is putting a bandaid on a fracture. The County should be fully in support of (including providing leadership and

voice) on the full 1,000 foot runway extension. Gness Field was built approximately 50 years ago. It was very suitable for use/needs then. Improve it for the next 50 years by making much needed improvements, including the 1,000 foot runway extension. 4. DPW has been ignoring a variety of existing infrastructure issues at Gness for many, many years. In addition to the unrepairable AWOS, the taxi lanes are in terrible condition. Applying for state grant money was not done annually year after year. That neglect has caused the taxi lanes to now require significant repairs. Basic maintenance (e.g. hot tarring of cracks has not been done in 10 years if not more, and it clearly shows). Sorry, but Grand Jury report was just W-R-O-N-G. 5. Seems that DPW has no real plan for the future of Gness, including how to attract business (read that as tax base, jobs, etc.). 6. Electric supply to airport is cobbled together. As part of an updated Airport Layout Plan, planning for an improved (new?) system is needed. 7. Airport lighting (specifically the taxi lanes) is substandard and needs improvement. Add that to the Plan; seek funding. 8. Fuel farm. Airport (and County tax base) would benefit from a self-serve aviation fuel depot. Who will be running the fuel concession when the current contract expires in three years? Must have a real plan (solution) to insure that fuel is offered after the current contract expires. 9. How about a proper sign on the ramp that reads, "Welcome to Gness Field" and provides other basic/vital information to visiting pilots/aircraft? 10. The County building ("terminal building") is very old, in fact the oldest human-occupied building in the County that has not been remodeled (upgraded). Lounge is too small; does not function well for BOTH a lounge and as a place for pilots to brief/prepare for flights. Observation deck is both old and rickety such that the number of persons who can safely use it is limited. Access is also not conducive to the public (who could alight, yet stay on the outside of the airport boundary). Access is only via the ramp. Add that to the list of improvements (5 - 8 years out). 11. Airport needs a proper sewer hookup to current sewer line down Binford Road. It will save the County money in the long run and offer the possibility of a future restaurant (read that as business ---> revenue for the County).

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Make an East West runway instead of lengthening the existing one.

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1. provide a range of forecasts for future traffic at Gness, especially jet traffic. 2. emphasize safety benefits of extended runway, especially to compensate for crosswind conditions, variable winds at either end.

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I've given up on this when the country and the FAA keep moving the goal posts - and, apparently, don't even agree on what the goal is. Let's spend OUR money elsewhere (see below).

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I see the role of the AvCom being to provide aeronautical expertise to the county staff and supervisors. In that role it should participate however possible.

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Be very proactive to limit the time and amount of disruption to airport users during the work.

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Provide in a timely manner all information needed to complete the runway extension and other required work at the airport.

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Q3

Goal #2: Support County's efforts to improve safety Support County's effort to obtain grant funds to replace the Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS). Support County's effort to complete a Wildlife Hazard Assessment. Support the County's efforts to implement the Grand Jury Gness Field recommendations. What would you suggest be changed, deleted or added to this goal?

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Runway distance markers. An inexpensive and easily accomplished improvement.

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Having a properly functioning AWOS at Gness is not a wish list item (not optional). The County has been stalling on this for years. Evidence is clearly there (need I recount what happened/didn't happen?). A fully functional AWOS is both a safety issue and a use issue. How does the County of Marin expect aircraft to come and go when they do not fully/accurately know what the weather conditions are? The weather at Gness is not the same as at Napa, Santa Rosa or Petaluma. If the Wildlife Hazard Assessment is for the benefit of Gness Field (safely) then I am in full support of it being completed. If it is needed for the runway extension, then I am for it. The Grand Jury recommendations were only partly accurate, and thus need to be visited by those who actually know and understand the issues. Implement the recommendations that make Gness Field function better. Building a higher fence for airport security is not needed (per the Dept of Homeland Security, also by those who actually use the airport).

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Change Goal #3 third element to Support the County's efforts to implement practical Grand Jury Gness Field Recommendations

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Add bullet on Marin County's Airport implementation of Disaster Planning. Use of airport for supplies, medical evac, and other Earthquake preparedness features. It is the need for our airport in troubled times that will get the most attention from the community, and open additional checkbooks.

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Get rid of the four radio towers that are a flight hazard East of the field.

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How will Av. Commission support County's efforts in each of these goals to improve safety??

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AWOS - a resounding yes. It's broken more than it works. Wildlife Assessment? What good will it do to have this? What is the tangible benefit? Didn't the Grand Jury recommend increasing our rent? How about a lower approach (800 AGL) for aircraft with better FPM/NM capability? More utility and recognition that people are at the 1000ft limit very quickly and often bust it.

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It should certainly support the effort to do something about the AWOS - that is a travesty and embarrassment. As for the rest, they should apply their special (aviation) expertise to the processes involved.

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The existing AWOS is a serious danger. Pilots need both ceiling and visibility to know whether or not to attempt approaches or to fly to another airport. A poorly functioning AWOS is serious liability and a hazard,

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Replacing the AWOS system should be the first priority.

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SAFETY is priority #1

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seek urgent funds for AWOS repair and make it a priority for the county

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Q4

Goal #3: Continue to increase community awareness of importance of the Gness Field Airport Review web site information. Support community groups and youth groups regarding aviation awareness events, such as young Eagles and Static aircraft displays. Hold Aviation Commission meetings that encourage public participation. What would you suggest be changed, deleted or added to this goal?

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More awareness of the existence of the County's airport, Gness Field, is needed. Too many don't know that it exists (or where it is). Gness Field is a resource, a valuable asset to the County. Marin County should support all awareness events at Gness (including Young Eagles, static aircraft displays, open houses, etc.).

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Public participation should include aircraft and business tenants on Gness Field

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Strong Recommendation: Remove all references to Gness Field Airport. That's fine for us to call it, however when we are trying to get the attention of folks in Southern Marin, we need to start *always* calling it "Marin County Airport" in all our documentation. It's not just a Novato thing. It is the *only* public airport in Marin County.

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These would be great.

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We have a great vantage point for the wetlands that surround us. Provide public access to a perimeter walking trail. This will introduce the community to our environment and show them how well we coexist with wildlife/ecology in the area. Make the airport a destination for more than just fliers.

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Goal #3 - Delete "Continue to". The Av. Commission needs to START to engage with the community and invite participation in decisions that will increase awareness of the importance of Gness Field Airport. Add: Av. Comm. will develop a public relations officer role to encourage public participation, publicize meetings and seek public input.

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Though these are good goals, the state of the airport (falling apart) is embarrassing and should be addressed before it becomes too expensive to do the repairs.

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I guess all three of those are at the minimum harmless and at the most, helpful.

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Perhaps we need a Social Media Manager to manage the website and a Facebook page. How else can we reach out to schools and other youth groups ? What about Girl Scouts and Explorer Scouts?

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Host pet adoption, pilotsnpaws.org, PAWS events

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The commission should support and or organize annual community open house of the airport.

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More out reach to the community Emphasis on the positives of the airport resources especially in emergency situations.

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Sponsor an electronics recycling day at the airport.

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See first comment so that our pilots and airport tenants can participate

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Q5

Goal #4: Support and create additional aviation related business at Gness Field Provide input to potential businesses on airport issues and the airport environment. Review and recommend ideas on business proposals. What would you suggest be changed, deleted or added to this goal?

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The current "support" that DPW is providing at least one business at Gness is both counter intuitive, it is downright unfair, hostile, unhelpful. DPW ought to hire a consultant (or find a County employee in the

business development section) to get real help on how to work with businesses at Gness; how to grow other business there. The County should be very concerned about the current/future status of the large hangar/building at the north end. What is the County doing now to help promote its use? The County is (will) lose more revenue unless it steps forward in a productive manner. All the above issues are tied together. "Build it and they will come. Don't and they won't."

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Consider adding a proactive bullet point to * Pursue business that would enhance the airport. Some of the discussion on airport improvements included the need to have a cafe. Other business considered favorable to our environment might actually be encouraged, instead of the commission passively waiting around for people to ask. What happened to the parachute guys? Could we possibly counter-propose a landing site further away from the airport that would not conflict with the flight pattern? Etc.

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These would be great.

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Work on flexibility in rents to accommodate variation in the economy. We saw a lot of planes and some businesses leave due to inflexibility of rates. Think of the long, not short term.

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Goal #4 is good. Delete "Provide input, etc" Should say "Work with current businesses to improve working conditions and the relationships between the County and businesses.". Delete "Review and recommend, etc" Should say "Explore opportunities for new businesses at the airport and support ideas that will make a strong contribution to the tenants and others using the airport"

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Recognize that a major limit common to all these goals is the poor condition of our airport. Without improvements and repairs you can't get new tenants or businesses.

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Those should be the goals of the Board of Supervisors. The Aviation Commission should offer their expertise if and as useful.

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Direct staff to revisit the status and substance of all the County and privately held leasehold's requirements. Major tenant leases expire in under 3 years and there is seemingly little or no appetite from the County to take some intuitive in this regard. Many aircraft operators at Gness would like an Avgas self serve fueling station. Because of the inherent uncertainty with so little time left with the existing leases no prudent operator would invest capital in a self serve fuel instillation or any other capital intense upgrade.

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The airport needs more businesses with less red tape

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Work to provide sewer at airport to enable businesses and restaurants to be established. Make it a destination airport.

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Make tax code and operating limitations on private A&P's less onerous - specifically to make access to maintenance for LSA's easier. Make No lead fuel available on airport. Essentially support LSA operation on field.

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Goal #5: (enter your suggestion for an additional goal)What would you suggest as another goal for the Marin County Aviation Commission?

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Self Serve Fueling!

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Elections and replacement of at least some of the members is needed. The current president has served three years in that post. Long time for a change there. Continue to interact with both pilots and businesses at Gness Field. Solicit their input.

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Increase collaborative efforts with CAP Squadron, EAA Chapter 122 and Gross Field Community Association to increase stakeholder input on Airport issues Key Initiatives. Increase paid hours so On-Site staff can increase meeting attendance and involvement with GFCA Encourage dialog with local EAA chapter on Young Eagle and other EAA event planning. Insure participation by Office of Emergency Services with CAP and GFCA emergency preparedness efforts.

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Work on getting sewer to the airport which is one of the deterrents to restaurant services at the airport.

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Strengthen the relationship of the airport as a compatible use with the wetlands. Provide, and extend the trail system so that more of the exceptional natural resource that is around the airport is available to the community. We are a much better use than converting the space to residential or commercial use. From the standpoint of the waterfowl we are low impact. This is clear from the wide variety of fauna present in the area already. It would be good if there could be a continuous improvement in maintenance of the taxi ways, and painting, etc. for the hangers and other facilities. Let's not look antiquated and quaint, let's strive to look vibrant and attractive.

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Av. Commission will survey users of Gross Field Airport to determine needs and report to the County. Av. Commission will follow up on results of survey to enact changes.

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Start advocating for airport improvements and repair instead of simply being a conduit for complaints. Based on my understanding of how the commission interacts with DPT and the airport staff, the standard behavior of these groups is toward disfunction and inaction, not advocacy and an attitude of wanting to improve the airport.

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Revisiting the issue of the runway extension. What would it really accomplish, and is that dream getting in the way of necessary improvements needed now, such as fixing the ramp and the runway hump.

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Repair runway Repair taxiways Get Marin County to pay for new AWOS

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Recommend to DPW that the southern hangar row bordering on the field be shored up where falling into the creek drainage.

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Do whatever is possible to ensure that any parachuting at Gross poses the least danger and inconvenience possible to existing users and to planes overflying the airport.

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Live webcam to supplement AWOS.

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Improve the conditions at the airport such as repaving, increase airport staffing levels and develop a plan for increased airport services such as a self fueling station, a airport restaurant, renovation and or replacement of airport facilities with new buildings.

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Make Gross safer and more usable for ALL

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This airport is a vital part of the community and has many hidden benefits that don't always add up into the hard-dollar business case. As another goal for the Aviation Commission, I would ask that the Commission consider supporting a repaving of the entire ramp in addition to any runway extension. The ramp is disintegrating in it's current state. Thank you.

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Marin County is one county that is specifically excluded from having an Airport Land Use Commission... Advocate that the Board of Supervisors allow for the creation of such a stand-alone commission to reflect the standards of the State ALUC Handbook.

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complete runway extension

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Q7

Key Challenges and Issues that the Aviation Commission may face to achieve those goals for FY 2015-2016 Obtain funding for the EIS and runway extension Obtain funding for the Runway, taxiway and ramp improvements What challenges and issues would you change, delete or add?

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Encourage better communication between DPW and airport tenants.

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County continues to drag its feet on the above; thinks that it is being timely/active. The timeline (from 10 - 15 years back and continuing on today) shows differently. Aviation Commission should have been (and continue) to push for the above actions/improvements, including long ago needed significant repairs to the taxi lanes. What will the County (DPW) do if the runway's needed repairs cannot wait another three years (per their current time frame)? The Commission has a responsibility to make sure that the airport is well run; that issues are addressed. I can't say that it has done that much of the 16+ years that I have been based at Gnos. On the issue of the AWOS replacement, what has the Commission done (stated) on the matter? The runway extension has been delayed and dragged out way beyond what/where it should (have been) be. What has the Commission done to move the process forward?

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Increase staff hours to accomplish extra work due to County Integrated Pest Management Plan which precludes weed killer

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These are key to focus on--nothing to add

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You don't need a runway extension. If safety is your goal, put in a runway that goes into the prevailing winds.

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Build more community outreach. Meet our neighbors programs, or events. Provide speakers, aviation presentations, off the airfield, to attract non-flyers to learn about aviation issues, benefits, jobs, education, pleasures.

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Add funds for general paint/upgrade of facilities.

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Obtain funding for needed maintenance and upkeep of the airport.

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The order is ALL wrong. If we wait for the endless runway approval process before doing anything else we will have NO AIRPORT to improve or repair in 2020, or 2021, or 2022, or...

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Both, but the primary focus should be the runway, etc. Improvements. A longer runway is not going to attract much more traffic and airfield use if the rest of the facilities are crappy. Gnos Field is not a stellar representation of Marin County nor does it give a good first impression to visitors to the county.

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Other actions by the Commission become almost trivial when compared to the necessity of the runway extension. For myriad reasons, the future of Gnos field depends on it.

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The extension has very little benefit for existing users. Ramp and taxiway improvements are critical.

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Obtain funding for covered ramp spaces

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Execute on all fronts to the completion of the improvements ASAP

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Q8

Additional comments or suggestions for the Aviation Commission

What would you like the GFCFA leadership to tell the Aviation Commission about their goals, initiatives and priorities for next year?

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Mostly covered in my previous comments. Additionally, the way Gness Field is managed (which includes the inactions by the Commission), it makes it seem like an unwanted child of the County. GFCFA was created for many reasons, including to help bring life back to Marin County's Airport. GFCFA needs the help of the County in order to be successful. A small non-profit can't do it by itself.

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Remember the tenants in dealing with Civic Center Staff

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The goals listed in this survey are key to the future of Gness.

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The goals should be focused on creating a healthy environment at the airport. General maintenance and upkeep is important as well as supporting the businesses and users of the facility.

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Frankly, tell them to stop pointing fingers and asking for others to do the work of advocacy for the airport. The committee members EACH need to own and move forward one goal that improves the airport in THIS calendar year. If they won't accept this, we should rename the commission since it's certainly not about aviation if we go another year with nothing happening.

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I would like GFCAS to concentrate on being sure their messages get to the Board of Supervisors, remembering that everything presented to the AvCom is subject to revision and editing according to the opinions of the AvCom commissioners.

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see the above please

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Any parachuting at Gness must be done in a safe manner that doesn't endanger or inconvenience existing users and transiting aircraft. The AWOS is an unacceptable danger and must be replaced.

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Nothing more than what was shared

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To get the county to allocate to the airfield at least as much funds that are generated by the airfield to its upkeep and improvements.

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The airport needs both reinvestment, some expansion and better staffing to maintain the facility. The airport needs to also reevaluate their costs and fees as they are out of line with neighboring facilities such as Petaluma Airport. I would also like to see the fuel vendor be required to sell fuel to public service agencies and eligible non profits tax free as required by California law but the airport fuel vendor refuses to do.

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Yes

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All of the above

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well intended but action needed

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Emphahsize safety

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Make No Lead Fuel available on field. Make taxing and restrictions on independent A&P's less onerous. Sponsor LSA oriented initiatives

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