



CITY OF CONCORD
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Community Development Department

REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Airport Advisory Committee
DATE: February 19, 2021
SUBJECT: Lending of surplus airport equipment to McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center

Recommendation

Accept this report and the recommendation from the Airport Advisory Committee to lend select surplus airport equipment, such as the former tower beacon, to the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center for its aviation exhibit.

Background

The Airport was approached by Jerrid Kenney, an exhibit designer for the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center, wanting to know if the Center could borrow the airport's old tower beacon that hasn't been used in decades and is presently stored at the airfield. If this item could be loaned to the Discovery Center, they would restore it for the exhibit and return it to the Airport in the future upon our request or when no longer needed for any exhibit.

Discussion

Mr. Kenney appeared before the Airport Advisory Committee at their February 16th meeting. Mr. Kenney explained that the Center would be interested in the beacon and possibly other items that the airport might have that are no longer in use. The Airport Manager noted that there were some old runway marking signs stored that might be of interest as well.

The committee noted that the recent Terminal Study anticipated possibly using the old beacon as an exhibit within the rebuilt terminal. Mr. Kenney explained that the items could be loaned to the Discovery Center upon the execution of an agreement that would provide for the return of the items to the Airport upon request.

The committee voted to recommend that City Council authorize the lending of select surplus airport items to the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center contingent upon the receipt and execution of the necessary legal documentation to the satisfaction of the City Manager.