



CITY OF CONCORD

REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Carlos P. Baía, Deputy City Manager – Development

DATE: May 29, 2015

SUBJECT: GSAMA request to hold a 5K road race at Concord Municipal Airport

Recommendation

Accept this report recommending conditional authorization for the Granite State Airport Management Association to hold a 5K road race on main runway 17/35 at the Concord Municipal Airport on November 7, 2015. Said authorization would be contingent upon fully satisfying all of the City's safety and liability concerns.

Background

The Granite State Airport Management Association (GSAMA) is seeking ways to promote awareness of general aviation airports to the broader community as well as to raise funds for airports around the state that may not have access to federal funding.

GSAMA has requested authorization to hold a 5K road race on the airfield, specifically on the main runway and taxiway. The event would be held on Saturday, November 7, 2015.

GSAMA has indicated that they have received FAA concurrence to close that runway during the race while still maintaining air traffic via the secondary runway.

Discussion

At the April 23rd meeting of the Airport Advisory Committee, GSAMA presented the concept seeking a recommendation. The committee was particularly concerned about safety of the participants and pilots. There were a number of questions about how GSAMA was going to manage landing aircraft on the secondary runway when the main runway and its taxiway were off-limits. The committee also questioned whether the airport's insurer would support this event.

GSAMA admitted that they had not yet worked out all the details of the event but that they would like to get authorization to allow them to secure a race management company and start seeking sponsorship. In the interim, they committed to working out all of the City's concerns.

The Airport Advisory Committee ultimately recommended conditional approval of the event contingent on the promoters working out all the details to the City's satisfaction.