

SENT TO CITY'S FEDERAL LEGISLATORS

The Current State of Affairs between the City of Eden Prairie
and the Metropolitan Airports Commission concerning
Flying Cloud Airport in March 2007



Over the past 30 years, the City of Eden Prairie has had what might best be described as a "mixed relationship" with Flying Cloud Airport. Prior to 2002, the relationship between the City and the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) was quite contentious. But in December 2002, the City Council and the MAC jointly signed an agreement called The Final Agreement which outlined the conditions for the ultimate magnitude and scope of the development of Flying Cloud Airport. Since the signing of The Final Agreement, there has been a relative period of peace in Eden Prairie regarding Flying Cloud Airport.

In 2005, the Eden Prairie City Council adopted an ordinance which established a new citizen advisory commission to act as a liaison body for the City Council for airport issues. The new Flying Cloud Airport Advisory Commission began meeting in May 2006. The Commission, which includes representation from the Metropolitan Airports Commission, had a busy and productive year in 2006. The Commission presented its year-end report to the City Council on February 20, 2007. The Commission also presented its 2007 Work Plan to the Council. The City Council accepted the 2006 year-end report and approved the Commission's 2007 Work Plan. I have enclosed copies of the Commission 2006 accomplishments and 2007 Work Plan with this memorandum.

I am providing this report as a demonstration of the new, positive relationship between the City of Eden Prairie and the MAC. The City Council sees Flying Cloud Airport as an important economic development amenity for our City. The City's new position on the airport is supported by the Eden Prairie Chamber of Commerce and by many members of the Eden Prairie corporate business community. The City Council wants Eden Prairie's federal legislators to know that the City supports the MAC's plans for development at Flying Cloud Airport and requests that our federal legislators support administrative and financial efforts to improve and expand Flying Cloud Airport.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott H. Neal". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Scott H. Neal,
City Manager