

**The Airpark Advisory Board:** Since the early 1980's the City has had a citizen Advisory Board to provide input on Airpark matters to the Council. Open meetings of the Airpark Advisory Board provide an opportunity for the general public to observe actions and decisions affecting this publicly owned general aviation facility owned by and licensed to The City of Clearwater.

Open meetings of the Airpark Advisory Board also helps to ensure full compliance with Florida's Government in the Sunshine Law.

I view disbanding, sunseting or otherwise hampering with the free and open functionality of the City's Airpark Advisory Board to be a hostile action against the rights of the general public, and I believe it may be a violation of the Florida Constitution.

**On renaming the Airpark:** Clearwater Airpark – KCLW - has no tower; no air traffic control; and no Beacon for night flights, an aviation safety device required by FAA Regulations for airports with runway lights.

KCLW has proven to be quite suitable for smaller, piston-powered aircraft engaged in general aviation activities operating under visual flight rules. KCLW really is not ideal for turboprops, light jets or multi-engine planes.

Pilots operating these aircraft typically prefer to operate in and out of a facility with longer and wider runways; wider taxiways; a facility with a tower and ATC; a facility which is fully compliant with all FAA guidance and regulations.

Changing its name to "Executive Airport" might create the impression among members of the public and within the general aviation community that KCLW is comparable to other Executive Airports in the U.S., a conclusion which is **not** correct.

The proposed name change from "*Airpark*" to "*Airport*" serves no useful public purpose, and it may help encourage aviation activities which would be a threat to public safety.

For these reasons and more, I urge you to reject proposed Ordinance 9825-25 outright.