City of Charlotte

Fitch H. Beach Municipal Airport

Memo

To: City Council

From: Bryan Myrkle, Director of Community Development

Date: August 8, 2014

Re: Demolition proposal for open hangar structure

The City owns three hangar structures at Beach Airport here in Charlotte. The oldest of these is an open (no doors) hangar design that is not really practical for storing aircraft and is in a state of some disrepair.

We are not able to rent this space to airworthy planes, because the structure does not provide the kind of protection they need from the weather, bird droppings and rodents. It is only useful as cheap storage for derelict aircraft, and is an eyesore.

It has been our long-term plan to demolish this structure and eventually use the space for something else – either privately owned single hangars, or city-owned rental hangars.

We have received a proposal from Jeremy Droscha (see attached), who would like to disassemble this old hangar and reconstruct it at his farm for hay storage. He would purchase the building from us for \$1.

Because the hangar's building materials have minimal salvage value, there is no chance we could get the building demolished in exchange for those materials. We would likely be paying \$15,000 to \$20,000 to have the building razed.

Therefore, I believe this is a good proposal for the airport. We would be able to get rid of a building we no longer want or need at a price much lower than we otherwise could.

I would ask the City Council to consider accepting this proposal from Mr. Droscha.