

**Tempe Aviation Commission  
Tuesday, March 14, 2023  
6:30 p.m. – Call to Order**

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Tempe Public Library, Second Floor Conference Room  
3500 S Rural Rd, Tempe, AZ 85282

**VIRTUAL**

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**AGENDA**

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Public Appearances**
3. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** – December 13 and January 10
4. **Aircraft Noise Mitigation Reports;** for discussion
5. **National Aviation History Month Outreach and Education Event;** for discussion
6. **Rio Salado Development;** for discussion
7. **Commissioners' Business;** suggestions for future agenda items.
8. **Schedule Next TAVCO Meeting;** *Tuesday, April 11*
9. **Adjournment.**

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**DRAFT Minutes**  
**Tempe Aviation Commission**  
**December 13, 2022**

Minutes of the Tempe Aviation Commission meeting – was held virtual Microsoft Teams meeting with call in +1 (480) 498-8745 United States, Phoenix (Toll) Conference ID: 243 160 897# and at the Tempe Public Library, on December 13 2022, 6:30 p.m.

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

W. David Doiron  
Desiree Walker  
Karen Apple  
Stuart Mitnik  
Aaron McBride  
Ellen Poole  
John Lynch

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

Peter Schelstraete  
Ed Kucharski

**Citizens Present:**

None

**City Staff Present:**

Brianne Fisher, Sustainability and Resilience  
Office, City of Tempe

**Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order**

Mr. Doiron called the meeting to order at 6:32p.m.

**Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances**

Mr. Doiron asks if there are any members in the audience looking to make a comment.  
There are none.

**Agenda Item 3 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes (October 18)**

Mr. Doiron asked if anyone had considerations of minutes such as discrepancies or corrections.  
Mr. Doiron mentioned that he has a couple of corrections to the meeting minutes from October 18 including the following:

- Under agenda Item 5 – the word “one” is missing the “e”
- Same section, second sentence change “was” to “were”

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- Agenda item 6 – the first bullet point capitalize is name and correct the sentence; and “encourages more auto pilot use”
  - Agenda item 6 second sentence correct word “temperatures”
  - “Plan” not “plane”
  - First bullet point on page 5 needs to be corrected for clarity

Chair asks if anyone has any more corrections.

Commissioner Poole moves to approve the meeting minutes with the corrections above, Commissioner Walker seconds.

Unanimous approval.

#### **Agenda Item 4 – Aircraft Noise Mitigation Reports**

Chair Doiron turns this item over to Staff Liaison Fisher.

Fisher reports that given TAVCO’s interest, and specifically Member Mitnik’s efforts to pull flight path data on Sky Harbor’s website. Fisher reminds members that TAVCO use to receive very specific information on East Bound Noise Compliance reports that Oddvar T. use to manage.

Fisher states that Sky Harbor is happy to come and give a tutorial to TAVCO members on how to use PublicVue, however they also mentioned that Oddvar did have additional access to PublicVue which allowed him to create the East Compliance Reports. Sky Harbor also offered to create these reports for TAVCO and the City of Tempe in the future. Fisher said she wanted to bring this information forward and discuss the options around this reporting.

Commission Apple states that someone from the City of Tempe should have access to PublicVue. Apple does state that she does trust Sky Harbor staff to provide the reports and data but perhaps we can have both so Tempe staff can get more familiar with the PublicVue data.

Commissioner Poole asks if Staff Liaison Fisher feels comfortable with learning how to pull the data and draft the reports.

Fisher states that she has been having conversations with other department staff that has been assisting in the Rio Salado Development, and there seems to be some consensus around hiring a consultant, at least for the next few years, to ensure everyone is staying compliant to the IGA.

Fisher commits to keeping TAVCO members informed on the progress of the potential of hiring a consultant and move forward with getting access to PublicVue. Fisher also asks members to

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review the old reports to assess what information is valuable and what information might be missing from these reports.

#### **Agenda Item 5 – Rio Salado Upcoming Development presentation**

Fisher states that she is in contact with the Rio Salado Development team and working to schedule them for January.

#### **Agenda Item 6 – Commissioners Business**

Chair Doiron asks if there is anything anyone wants on a future agenda.

Commissioner Apple summarizes for the group some of the items that have already been mentioned in this meeting including:

- SkyHarbor training on PublicVue
- Rio Salado Development
- Assessing East Compliance Noise Reports

Fisher states, at some point later in the new year, we will be working on the event TAVCO wants to hold in November 2023.

Commissioner Apple wants to announce the new car train is doing a soft opening on December 20. Apple says this increases access and eliminates traffic from buses and improve air quality around the area.

Commissioner Poole states that this is her last TAVCO meeting and she thanks the Commissioners and appreciates their hard work on this commission.

#### **Agenda Item 7 – TAVCO Next Meeting**

Chair asks if Tuesday, January 10 is next meeting.

#### **Agenda Item 8 – Adjournment**

Member Lynch moves to adjourn the meeting. Walker seconds. Unanimous approval.

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Prepared by: Brianne Fisher

**DRAFT Minutes**  
**Tempe Aviation Commission**  
**January 10, 2023**

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**(MEMBERS) Present:**

W. David Doiron  
Karen Apple  
Stuart Mitnik (arrived late)  
Aaron McBride (arrived late)  
Ellen Poole  
John Lynch  
Lane Waddell  
Peter Schelstraete  
Ed Kucharski

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

None

**Citizens Present:**

None

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Member Apple mentioned in agenda item 6 of the minutes, she was discussing the new “sky train” not “car train.”

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#### **Agenda Item 4 – Aircraft Noise Mitigation Reports**

Fisher explains that this is a follow up to the conversation we had about the Noise Mitigation Reports that exist online that Oddvar use to create. Fisher continues, and explains that member Mitnik was working with Phoenix Sky Harbor's data platform, PublicVue on how to find the data to replicate those reports. It was discussed at last meeting that Oddvar did have a different level of access to PublicVue that allowed him to pull the data we are looking for. Fisher has been in touch with Phoenix Sky Harbor about getting that additional access for herself. She continues to say that there is a larger conversation taking place at the city about some outside help in making sure there is compliance with the IGA. Fisher says today, the exercise is to review the PHX East Compliance Report and the Annual Report and determine what information was valuable and if there is anything missing.

Conversation amongst Members as follows:

- Member Mitnik mentions not much information on inbound side over north Tempe
- Member Kucharaski asked if there was Quarter 1 report of the most recent year
- Chair states that the source of compliance is Sky Harbor airport and if they choose not to enforce then there is no committee or negotiations involved. I have observed aircraft already on departure not in compliance with the IGA – not weather related. Departure control can use early charge to move a lot more airplanes a lot faster. IGA and aircraft both have deviation. This is when it comes to the big airplanes. The IGA has been violated by the City of Tempe, City of Phoenix says it has been violated. The City of Phoenix is playing nice. What they will do is exactly what they want to do. And when or if the City of Tempe complains, they will use government speak to say that they are doing the right thing. Tempe has no teeth and nothing to bargain with.
- Member Mitnik follows up with a question of what is TAVCO's reason to exist?
- Chair responds with 2 reasons: 1) provide information to the residents of Tempe; and 2) prevent there to be an orange county style inquisition. For those that do not know what an Orange County is they take off at about 600 ft and then pull throttle to idle. They are coasting along as they fly over the wealthy neighborhoods and then they get to open water and they resume to normal. Majority of engineer failures occur with throttle changes. We do not want to see that kind of imposition put into place as Tempe continues to develop in this area.
- Chair continues to say, with the noise report, it will continue to show improvement because jet engine manufactures are in competition to make more efficient, more powerful, and quieter. The airplanes going in and out of Sky Harbor will keep getting

more quiet. Aircrafts will also be able to more quickly get to higher elevation so less noise closer to the ground.

- Member Mitnik states we will see this kind of improvement to see it over decades of time.
- Chair states that the info in the reports are great information and if we don't add anything to the reports, it is worthwhile to still gather this information, does anyone have anything else to say about the reports?
- Member Lynch mentions you are able on the web, public version to go back in time, any date, to figure out what was going on.
- Fisher states from the city perspective and what is going on with the Rio Salado development, the city is interested in having someone who is more dedicated into looking at data and compliance. If there is deviation from the IGA, the city will want to know the data behind those deviation. No one is currently looking at the data closely to monitor compliance but we are working on different solutions for that.

#### **Agenda Item 5 – Commissioners Business**

Member Mitnik asks if there is anything that we as TAVCO need to do for the development.

Chair responds, my opinion as individuals yes but as a Committee – no. We have not been approached by Council for any advice, they do not care.

Fisher states what we have up ahead: planning the November event, developers presentation on Rio Salado development, and noise mitigation and monitoring data.

Chair asks new member Lane Waddell to introduce himself. Waddell states that he has lived in Tempe since 1984, attended ASU, teach high school in Tempe High School district for the last 26 years. Served in City of Tempe Parks and Recreation division for several years. Felt it was time to start giving back and Mayor Woods came to his government class and talked about Commissions. Looking forward to doing whatever I can do to help.

**Agenda Item 7 – TAVCO Next Meeting**

Chair asks if Tuesday, February 14 is next meeting.

**Agenda Item 8 – Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Prepared by: Brianne Fisher

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