

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

TAVCO

October 10, 2023

Minutes of the Tempe Aviation Commission meeting – was held via 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 June 13, 2023 6:30 p.m.

(MEMBERS) Present:

W. David Doiron
Stuart Mitnik
Ed Kucharski
Lane Waddell
Peter Schelstraete
Karen Apple
John Lynch

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Desiree Walker
Aaron McBride

Citizens Present:

Mayor Corey Woods

City Staff Present:

Brianne Fisher, Sustainability and Resilience Office, City of Tempe

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

The chair, Mr. Doiron, calls the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances

The chair recognizes Mayor Corey Woods and moves to Agenda Item 6.

Agenda Item 6 – Tempe City Council Correspondence

Mayor starts by thanking the Commission members for giving their time to serve on the Commission as it is voluntary. He opens it up and asks if any Commissioners have any questions for him.

Chair Doiron has said over the last six years TAVCO has wanted a communication link with Council and that Legal always seems to make it much more difficult to get information to Council from TAVCO. Additionally, Chair states that TAVCO was a little more than curious about the lack of communication during the Tempe Entertainment Development (TED) negotiations. Mayor responds by saying that was an oversight down at city hall and that someone from staff or council should have pointed to the commission of experts on relevant topics.

Commissioner Mitnik asks about periodic revisions or reviews of Board and Commission charters. Mayor that we should always be looking at our codes and if there are members of a commission and thinks its outdated, then I think the Council should look at that.

Commissioner Waddell asks if the Mayor sees a future for TAVCO. Mayor Woods responded by saying that a lot of conversation around the development of TED was talking to Senior staff and Sky Harbor and them sharing their plans to expand or other capital improvement projects and the conversation about Williams Gateway becoming more of a regional airport, I believe TAVCO could really help advice Council on that.

No more members have any additional questions, and the conversation concludes with thank yous.

Agenda Item 3 – Approval of Meeting Minutes

Mr. Doiron has one correction about adding Shannon's last name which is "Dutton." Member Schelstraete motioned to approve the meeting minutes; Waddell seconded. Unanimous approval.

Agenda Item 4 – Aviation History Month Event, Saturday November 18

Mr. Doiron asks about the time it starts; Fisher responds 8:30am in the morning. Member Waddell states that the utility bill advertisement of the event said 8:00am. Fisher says doors open at 8:00am and program starts at 8:30am, Fisher committees to sending a calendar invite to the members.

Fisher states the information in the package is draft information for the event. Fisher walks through each picture and Commissioners ask questions and discuss the caption content and style of presentation. Commissioner Waddell offers students receiving community service hour to help make the posters.

Agenda Item 5 – Aviation Training and Sky Harbor Near Misses

Fisher provides an update of this item stating she talked to Darlene Justice and that she did confirm she sent out the letter she spoke about during the last meeting, but Fisher has not seen a copy of it yet. Chair states that some of concerns about simulation training has some real value in that you can repeat it over and over again. Member Mitnik states that he doesn't think there is space in the charter that TAVCO should be gouching these issues. Chair Doiron responds that he believes TAVCO could be supportive of the issues they bring up, we would not be directing or advising on any safety issues with FAA but that we can support the cause. Commissioner Waddell states that FAA knows they are short staffed but what is exactly TAVCO's role in all of this?

Fisher states that she believes TAVCO could play a role by supporting by helping ask for information or letting Council know that TAVCO recognizes these issues and supports North Tempe residents in exploring the issue.

Mitnik volunteers to draft up a letter to city council that TAVCO would be supporting the concerns of north Tempe and we can discuss at the next meeting for approval.

Member Waddell makes a motion that Fisher reaches out to Sky Harbor and FAA and requests any type of information about staffing shortages, Lynch seconds. Unanimous approval.

Agenda Item 7 – Commissioners’ Business

The Members of the Commission discuss several things including:

- Chair and Vice Chair for next year
- The letter discussed today
- Visit to the tower

Agenda Item 8 – Schedule Next TAVCO Meeting

The next TAVCO meeting will be on Tuesday, November 14.

Agenda Item 9 – Adjournment.

Commissioner Waddell motions to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Schelstraete seconds. Unanimous approval.

The meeting is adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Prepared by: Brianne Fisher