



Minutes Tempe Aviation Commission September 10, 2013

Minutes of the Tempe Aviation Commission meeting held on September 10, 2013, 6:30 p.m., at the Public Works Conference Room, Garden Level, City Hall Complex, 31 E. Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Sally Clements
Shannon Dutton
Mark Garrigan
Gordon Gauss
Karyn Gitlis
Barbara Sherman (Vice Chair)
Alyson Star
David Swanson (Chair)

City Staff Present:

Oddvar Tveit, Environmental Quality
Specialist

Meeting convened at 6:32 p.m.
Dave called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances
There were no public appearances.

Agenda Item 2 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes (July 9, 2013)
Dave asked for comments to the minutes. Barbara moved to approve the minutes. Alyson seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Agenda Item 3 – Update from Staff
GP2040:

Staff had attended public meetings held on August 1st and August 3rd where the preliminary draft for General Plan 2040 was presented. The attending public received a presentation of the purpose and content of the plan and the process ahead by Nancy Ryan, who is heading the general plan update for the city. Afterwards the public could get additional information and ask question about the chapters in the plan. The conservation chapter was well received. Most questions dealt with Tempe's water resources and city water conservation incentives. Questions about air quality in Tempe came up a few times and one citizen asked a question about the future noise impact in Tempe from airport operations. The members' comments from the TAVCO meeting in July had been submitted to Nancy.

Karyn joined the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

PAUWG:

The August 15th quarterly Phoenix Airspace Users Working Group Meeting at North Tempe Multi-Generation Center included the following topics about the airport:

- New RNAV Arrival Routes to PHX will be published in April 2014. The FAA's Instrument Flight Procedure Production Plan for airports is accessible on-line at <http://avnweb.iccbi.gov/schedule/production>. Staff informed the members about the FAA's ongoing revision of FAA Order 1050.1E, Environmental Impact: Policies and Procedures to streamline the implementation of Area Navigation (RNAV) Required Navigation Performance (RNP) procedures. The FAA is proposing to exclude NexGen procedures that reduce the airlines' fuel burn/emissions from environmental impact reviews. This exemption was given by Congress in the 2012 in the FAA Modernization and Reform Act, Section 314 (d).
- Runway Status Lights (RWSL) system was turned on at Sky Harbor on August 12, 2013. The lights are an additional layer of safety to tell pilots and vehicle operators when it is not safe to enter a runway, <http://skyharbor.com/pdf/PHXHandout062813.pdf>.
- The Terminal 3 modernization plan has been presented, <http://skyharbor.com/TerminalModernization/ProgramDetails.html>.
- The extension of the Sky Train to the terminal three is to be completed before Super Bowl in 2015.

The PHX TRACON informed attendants about Northern Arizona Airspace being turned on December 12. The air traffic controllers have been working on the consolidation of control sectors under the PHX TRACON. Other topics addressed by TRACON officials at the meeting:

- FAA ATO reorganization; the terminal and en-route air traffic controllers will now be merged under one supervisor.
- A phone service has been set up to facilitate the follow-up on reports from pilots about laser being pointed at the aircraft.

New airline routes were also announced at the meeting. Spirit Airlines will move from Phoenix – Mesa Gateway to Sky Harbor and start daily service to Chicago O'Hare and Denver. Volaris, a Mexican airline, will be starting service from Sky Harbor to Mexico City and Guadalajara. Allegiant will be adding service at Phoenix – Mesa Gateway.

Interview with Hugh Hallman:

Dave would be conducting the interview on September 17, 2013 at the Tempe History Museum.

Draft MAG 2035 Regional Transportation Plan:

Staff announced that Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) has scheduled a public hearing meeting on the plan on September 19, 2013. He distributed chapters dealing with aviation and air cargo, and talked about the last MAG Regional Aviation System Plan from 2006.

Agenda Item 4 – International Energy Efficiency Code

The item was deferred to agenda item 5.

Agenda Item 5 – Commissioners' Business (topics for future discussion)

Staff presented research Barbara had facilitated about the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) programs for residential properties available in several states including California. The members were encouraged to read the material and come up with their own ideas about how to frame a discussion of options that could be recommended to assist homeowners in residential areas under the flight paths in Tempe. Barbara suggested thinking of this in the context of Tempe Newtown to find out if this is a model that could be used. Shannon informed the members about the North Tempe Neighborhood Association meeting with U.S. Representative Kyrsten Sinema about environmental impacts from Sky Harbor operations, and provided staff with documentation presented at the meeting. Staff was asked to distribute the documents and add the NTNA initiative as a topic for information and discussion at a future meeting.

Dave suggested that staff get back to the members about NTSBs findings in the investigation of the UPS plane crash at the Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport in Alabama that happened very close to the runway.

Agenda Item 5 – Schedule next TAVCO meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for October 8, 2013.

Agenda Item 6 – Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Prepared by: Oddvar Tveit

Reviewed by: Jeffrey Kulaga

Authorized Signature
Assistant City Manager