



## Minutes Tempe Aviation Commission August 11, 2015

Minutes of the Tempe Aviation Commission meeting held on August 11, 2015, 6:30 p.m., at the Public Works Conference Room, Garden Level, City Hall Complex, 31 E. Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Lane Carraway  
Shannon Dutton  
Jason Forcier  
Gordon Gauss\*  
Lance McIntosh\*  
John Q. Nunes

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Mark Garrigan (Excused)  
David Naugle  
James Wennlund (Excused)

Citizens Present:

None

City Staff Present:

Jeanne Jensen, Management Assistant II  
David McNeil, Environmental Services  
Manager  
Oddvar Tveit, Environmental Quality Specialist

Meeting convened at 6:34 p.m.  
Shannon Dutton called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

No members of the public were in attendance for this meeting.

Agenda Item 2 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes (June 9, 2015)

Ms. Dutton requested a motion to approve the meeting minutes.

Motion: John Q. Nunes moved to approve the draft minutes. Lane Carraway seconded the motion.

Action: The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 3 – Staff Update

A. Staffing:

David McNeil provided a review of previous discussion pertaining to City staff-level support to TAVCO. Mr. McNeil introduced Jeanne M. Jensen, a Management Assistant within Environmental Services. Ms. Jensen will be supporting the Commission's objectives with regards to the City and provides expertise in coordination both within the City Departments and in external communications to outside agencies. Ms. Jensen will assist in coordination of communication by the Commission to provide consistency and responsiveness to the Commission going forward.

\*Attending by telephone conference call.

B. Aviation Attorney / Consultant:

David McNeil discussed the City's outside legal counsel, Thomas D. Roth, and the role that the outside attorney will be providing to the City. Mr. Roth will be evaluating the City's available aviation strategy considerations based on the City's legal standing going forward. In order to support the City's engagement of outside counsel, it is requested that letters, Commission agendas, positions, and related communications be provided to Ms. Jensen, who will provide the conduit to vet or evaluate with the City's Deputy City Attorney, Chuck Cahoy, and the outside legal counsel.

Mr. Roth's previous firm was retained by the City in support of the City's aviation strategies that resulted in the 1994 IGA with the City of Phoenix on noise mitigation flight procedures, with Mr. Roth acting as the City's outside counsel. Mr. Roth is based in San Francisco.

David McNeil also discussed the ongoing discussion with the City's 2009 consultant, QED. Oddvar Tveit and Jeanne Jensen briefed QED regarding a possible update to the 2009 noise monitoring recommendations based on changes to the flight paths. QED will be developing cost estimates and possible scopes of work to update the 2009 report, "Aircraft Noise Impact Evaluation," based on different levels of effort.

C. Tempe/Phoenix Meeting:

The City of Phoenix has agreed to attend the September 8, 2015 TAVCO meeting with senior staff from the Aviation Department.

D. Noise Reporting

Oddvar Tveit presented graphs of annual noise exposure level averages (LDN/DNL) registered at the airport's noise monitoring sites in North Tempe. The levels have decreased with the economic downturn, the reduction in operations, and changes in the airport fleet mix. The 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2014 was the last quarter with a large number of MD-80 series aircraft still in use by American Airlines at Sky Harbor. The total number of noise events reaching  $\geq 85$  dbl. have gone down. Airline compliance with the Tempe corridor has improved, mainly due to better (%) compliance by American and Southwest airlines. Noise complaints from Tempe residents peaked in March and again in July. Overflight disturbances have been reported to the City from areas close to where a route intersection combines airline traffic along an incoming route from the west and an outgoing route to the west resulting in a concentration of flight paths over South Tempe.

Agenda Item 4 – TAVCO Mission Statement and Strategic Plan

Shannon Dutton presented a draft version of the Mission Statement and Strategic Plan for TAVCO to the Commission. Members of the Commission will provide edits and comments to Jeanne Jensen for compilation. Ms. Jensen will determine if a collaborative environment (e.g. SharePoint) can be used to facilitate the document edits based on recommendations from the Deputy City Attorney and will communicate relevant information pertaining to the process to the Commission members. The Mission Statement and Strategic Plan will be discussed further at a future TAVCO meeting.

Motion: John Q. Nunes moved to table further discussion to a future meeting. Lane Carraway seconded the motion.

Action: The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 5 – Agenda Work Session for September 8 Meeting w/ TAVCO/Phoenix

City staff emphasized the importance of developing a collaborative relationship with the City of Phoenix staff to support mutual efforts pertaining to Aviation issues. Staff also advised TAVCO that the goals of the meeting should

focus on accurate and meaningful data gathering, relationship building, and moving towards a regional partnership in light of possible future changes to the regional aviation strategy.

The Commission discussed multiple topics of interest related to the upcoming meeting, including:

- Summary of information provided by Phoenix including the frequency, content, depth of information typically provided.
- Summary of noise abatement programs both currently used and historically considered for management of noise. Specifically, what information or guidance is provided to airlines and other airport stakeholders to reduce noise impacts?
- Discussion of a mutual interest in working collaboratively to achieve shared goals and objectives. TAVCO may be interested in supporting Phoenix taking a lead role with regards to a regionalized, coalition approach in light of future aviation needs, including PHX Metroplex.
- Summary of public engagement and public outreach efforts currently in use by Phoenix with residents and the public. There is a desire to determine what public meetings in Tempe related to aviation issues should be held, and the logistics therein.
- Invitation of elected officials to future meetings (Rep. Gallego) based on their engagement with local neighborhood groups.

The Commission will develop an agenda based on the discussions, focusing on requesting information and community participation.

#### **Agenda Item 6 – Community Approach to PHX Metroplex Implementation**

Commission Nunes presented on some of the strategies being implemented by other communities including San Francisco, CA and London, England. San Francisco has implemented a “scoring” system for airlines and determines timeslots for airline use based on performance with regards to noise abatement procedures.

Presented for discussion were the plans being tested at the Heathrow Airport, including the recognition of the local community as one of the airport’s stakeholders. Heathrow is also testing steeper approaches and departures to manage noise, beginning in September 2015. Testing is intended to be completed over the subsequent 6 months. Heathrow has previously tested weekly noise respite areas that move traffic to reduce the impacts of noise exposure.

Ms. Dutton asked that a presentation be done at a future meeting to continue this discussion.

#### **Agenda Item 7 – Commissioners’ Business (topics for future discussion)**

No new business was proposed for future discussion. The TAVCO Mission and Strategic Plan will be put on the October agenda, along with further discussion regarding PHX Metroplex.

#### **Agenda Item 8 – Schedule next TAVCO meeting**

The next meeting was scheduled for September 8, 2015.

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Agenda Item 9 – Adjournment

**Motion:** John Q. Nunes motioned to adjourn the meeting. Lane Carraway seconded the motion.

**Action:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:48p.m.

Prepared by: Oddvar Tveit, Jeanne M. Jensen

Reviewed by: David McNeil

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Authorized Signature  
Environmental Services Manager