



## Minutes Tempe Aviation Commission October 13, 2015

Minutes of the Tempe Aviation Commission meeting held on October 13, 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  
Mark Garrigan  
David Naugle  
John Q. Nunes

**Citizens Present:**

Irina Baroness von Behr  
Robert Charrette

**City Staff Present:**

Jeanne Jensen, Management Assistant II  
Oddvar Tveit, Environmental Quality Specialist

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

Lance McIntosh  
James Wennlund (Excused)

**Meeting convened at 6:31 p.m.**

Shannon Dutton called the meeting to order.

**Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances**

Irina Baroness von Behr introduced herself as attending the meeting to learn about aviation noise and get an understanding of the resident's viewpoints regarding aircraft noise exposure. Ms. von Behr remarked on the City of Scottsdale air traffic being related to City of Tempe noise exposure.

**Agenda Item 2 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes (September 8, 2015)**

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

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

**Action:** The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

**Agenda Item 3 – Update from Staff**

**Upcoming Meetings**

- a. City of Phoenix Public Aviation Meeting in Tempe
  - The City of Phoenix Aviation Department has scheduled a public meeting at the City of Tempe Library on Tuesday, October 27, 2015 from 5:30-7:30pm. The meeting is intended to be a workshop in an open house format. City of Phoenix staff will be present and operating different stations staffed by a variety of aviation experts. There will be no formal remarks during this meeting; it is intended to be an opportunity for information sharing with residents. TAVCO requested the following from staff, which is outlined here:

- Confirm with Tempe Neighborhood Programs' staff regarding outreach for neighborhoods and HOAs.
  - Tempe TAVCO staff should be in attendance at the meeting to provide Tempe support to residents.
  - Tempe TAVCO staff to contact Phoenix Aviation staff for work shop agenda and approach and disseminate that information to Tempe staff and TAVCO members.
  - Determine how general public comments will be handled, and provide copy of comments to Tempe and Phoenix staff.
  - Provide a projected display of the airport's live flight tracker.
  - Determine strategy for handling a larger-than-anticipated crowd.
- b. Phoenix Airspace Users Working Group
- The next meeting of the Phoenix Airspace Users Working Group will meet at the Tempe History Museum Community Room at 9 A.M. on Thursday, November 12th, 2015. The group is chaired by the FAA's PHX TRACON manager and the Arizona Business Aviation Association. In 2004 the City of Tempe was advised to follow the group's meetings to get information about flight procedure developments. The FAA routinely posts flight production schedule, but no details about proposed changes are disclosed at the group's quarterly meetings.

Additional Staff Updates: TAVCO had asked Phoenix Aviation Staff about consequences or communications that occur as a result of aircraft flightpath deviations. In response, Phoenix Aviation sent the City an email regarding a notice sent to airlines referencing compliance with the 4-DME Gate. Additionally, a follow-up notice has been provided which reminds crews to verify and explain deviations where the Air Traffic Controller (ATC) allows them to bypass SPRKY waypoint. The SPRKY waypoint establishes a flightpath that improves compliance through the PHX Gate. PHX Gate is a 5,550' vertical imaginary line located at approximately the SR 202/101 intersection. The intention is for the notices and reminders to keep airlines accountable and to better document the circumstances that result in ATC departure clearances which allow aircraft to not pass through the PHX Gate. An example of a flight which deviated from the prescribed flightpath was provided, and TAVCO requested that Staff provide a follow-up detailing the outcome of the communication with the airline for the example flight.

#### **Agenda Item 4 – Update on Community Approach to new Technology Flight Procedures**

John Q. Nunes presented on his research into how other communities are addressing flight paths and procedures in their communities. The Cities of San Francisco and Santa Barbara both implemented flight procedures that were intended to mitigate impacts from aircraft noise over their communities. Mr. Nunes reported that the programs in place for these other communities were in jeopardy with the implementation of NextGEN, and were unlikely to be a part of the future transition. Mr. Nunes noted that these communities are both petitioning the FAA for inclusion in the stakeholder process. The communities have not yet defined how to represent the general public and residents as a formal stakeholder. Mr. Nunes will provide an update as they are available, at future meetings.

#### **Agenda Item 5 – Draft Commission Statement and Strategic Plan**

Deferred to agenda item 6:

**Motion:** Lane Carraway moved to defer the discussion to the November TAVCO agenda. Gordon Gauss seconded the motion.

**Action:** Agenda Item 5 will be discussed at the November TAVCO meeting.

#### **Agenda Item 6 – Commissioners' Business (topics for future discussion)**

- a. Input on draft for a TAVCO mission statement and strategic plan, motioned by Lane Carraway, seconded by Gordon Gauss.
- b. Follow up on October 27, 2015 Phoenix work shop in Tempe, motioned by Lane Carraway, seconded by John Q. Nunes.

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- c. Staff update on noise monitoring, motioned by David Naugle, seconded by John Q. Nunes.

**Action:** By unanimous votes, the above topics were to be included on the commission's next meeting agenda.

**Agenda Item 5 – Schedule next TAVCO meeting**

**Action:** The next meeting date for the commission was scheduled to November 10, 2015 by Shannon Dutton with consent from the attending members.

**Agenda Item 6 – Adjournment**

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

**Action:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:41p.m.

Prepared by: Oddvar Tveit, Jeanne M. Jensen

Reviewed by: Marilyn DeRosa, David McNeil

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Authorized Signature  
Environmental Services Manager