



## Minutes Tempe Aviation Commission December 8, 2015

Minutes of the Tempe Aviation Commission meeting held on December 8, 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  
Gordon Gauss  
Mark Garrigan  
David Naugle  
John Q. Nunes  
James Wennlund

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

Jason Forcier (Excused)

**City Staff Present:**

Jeanne M. Jensen, *Management Assistant II*  
Oddvar Tveit, *Environmental Quality Specialist*

**Meeting convened at 6:32 p.m.**

Shannon Dutton called the meeting to order.

**Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances**

There were no public appearances.

**Agenda Item 2 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes (November 10, 2015)**

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

**Motion:** John Q. Nunes moved to approve the draft minutes. Gordon Gauss seconded the motion.

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

**Agenda Item 3 – Updates from Staff**

a. Registration of Noise Complaints

Oddvar Tveit presented noise complaints registered by City of Phoenix staff in the airport operation management program Environmental Vue Portal, and complaints from Tempe citizens registered by the City of Tempe. He showed complaints registered during the 1/1/2015 to 11/30/2015 and 1/1/2014 to 11/30/2014 time periods for comparison.

- The number of aircraft noise complaints accounted for by the City of Phoenix that are from Tempe citizens are comparable to the number of complaints the airport receives from Glendale citizens. The City of Phoenix registers noise complaints from the three airports Phoenix operates.
- City of Phoenix staff received over these periods relatively few noise complaints from Tempe citizens.
- A majority of Tempe citizens are using the Tempe 311 to file aircraft noise complaints.
- A sharp uptick in complaints filed with the City of Phoenix followed the September 18, 2014 implementation of departure route changes for flights under NextGen. Tempe has seen an

increase in noise complaints during 2015.

b. East Departure Deviation Investigation

Oddvar Tveit also provided additional information regarding a flight deviation on a flight operated by Delta Airlines on September 14, 2015. The flight made an early deviation from the approved flight path, missing the 4-DME gate. The City of Phoenix provided Tempe staff with the Delta Airline's response to a Notice of Violation.

- It appears that before takeoff the pilots were alerted to a small plane on approach to Falcon Field from the southwest, and decided to depart on a northwest radial to keep horizontal separation to the path of the smaller plane. This path change resulted in non-compliance with the 4-DME gate and resulted in the plane not remaining within the riverbed noise mitigation path.

**Agenda Item 4 – Potential Site for Additional Flight Path Workshops in Tempe**

Jeanne Jensen presented on staff efforts to site and set another public meeting with the City of Phoenix and Tempe residents regarding flight path modifications and noise complaints. The meeting would follow the format of the October meeting, and locations are being evaluated to support South Tempe residents' attendance. The Commission would like to emphasize increases in outreach, allowing at least 30 days of notice to residents. Outreach will also be dependent on identifying residents by address / neighborhood to provide postcard mailing to those residents within the flight path impact zones. Oddvar Tveit and Jeanne Jensen will coordinate with the City of Phoenix staff to set a meeting that targets late February or early March for the next event.

**Agenda Item 4 – TAVCO mission statement and strategic plan**

**Motion:** David Naugle moved to approve the mission statement as drafted. John Q. Nunes seconded the motion.

**Action:** The TAVCO Mission Statement was unanimously approved without further discussions.

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

- a. Nominations and elections of officers
- b. Update from City of Phoenix
- c. Further discussion of date and location for additional flight path workshops in Tempe.
- d. Provide observations of unusual turns by planes on take-off to Tempe staff for investigation.
- e. Staff will provide additional flight path maps with modified scales to "zoom in" on flight path deviations.

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

**Action:** The next meeting date for the commission was scheduled to January 12, 2016 by Shannon Dutton with consent from the attending members.

**Agenda Item 6 – Adjournment**

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

**Action:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Prepared by: Oddvar Tveit, Jeanne M. Jensen

Reviewed by David McNeil

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Authorized Signature  
Environmental Services Manager