



Minutes Tempe Aviation Commission May 9, 2017

Minutes of the Tempe Aviation Commission meeting held on May 9, 2017, 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 (Chair)
Robert Dixon
Shannon Dutton
W. David Doiron
Gordon Gauss (Vice-Chair)
David Naugle
John Q. Nunes
Tim Teserio

City Staff Present:

Cassandra Mac, *Management Assistant I*
Oddvar Tveit, *Environmental Quality Specialist*

Meeting convened at 6:30 p.m.

Chair Lane Carraway called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

There were no public appearances.

Agenda Item 2 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes (April 11, 2017)

Chair Lane Carraway asked for comments to the drafted minutes, and a motion to approve.

Motion: Mr. John Q. Nunes moved to approve the drafted minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Shannon Dutton.

Action: The April meeting minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 3 – Appointment to Fill Vacancy on the Noise Abatement Subcommittee

The subcommittee was set up with five commissioners and currently has four members after one member resigned from the Aviation Commission. No candidates came forward or were proposed to fill the vacancy.

Agenda Item 4 – Update from the Noise Abatement Subcommittee

Chair Lane Carraway asked the members if they had any input to the discussion matrix from Ms. Cassandra Mac that included comments made at the April meeting. The matrix was developed to assist the members in determining the goal for a Tempe Noise Abatement Office (NAO), what issue the establishment of the NAO would help solve, and what would be different with the NAO in place with regard to city resources currently used on aviation.

Members stated they were still reviewing the discussion matrix.

Mr. Oddvar Tveit informed the commission about the May 3rd, 2017 subcommittee meeting, where the members discussed the need to identify what is missing and what the NAO would help the city accomplish. The subcommittee

has expressed the need to continue with the development of a purpose or mission statement for the NAO that includes considerations as to how the NAO would fill a regional purpose. The city's intergovernmental relationships with regard to the airport through the 1994 IGA, and by attending the meetings of the Phoenix Airspace Users Working Group (PAUWG) was compared to what is in place at some of the larger hub airports with roundtables, where community representatives can meet with representatives from the airport, airlines and the federal agency to discuss issues of concern.

Discussions:

- There is no communication going on about NextGen, PAUWG is not a forum for discussion of noise abatement.
- PHX Metroplex EA is on hold; both the PHX TRACON and the City of Phoenix are awaiting the outcome of the lawsuit over the west flow departure path changes that were made in 2014.
- If Tempe can join communities around PHX, the cities would be able to have a regional forum for communication about flight procedures and noise mitigation that the FAA may take interest in supporting.

Agenda Item 4 – Noise Abatement Subcommittee beyond July 12, 2017

Mr. Oddvar Tveit discussed the notification to Council about the mandate for the current subcommittee, which is to discuss and propose fly friendly procedures and airport operational practices that could enhance PHX noise mitigation for Tempe residents. Before creating a new subcommittee for after the current one sunsets, staff recommends that the commission to be precise as to what a new subcommittee is expected to produce, including the reasons why the task cannot easily be accomplished by the commission through a normal or expanded meeting schedule.

Discussions:

- The commission produced a letter to the FAA about becoming a stakeholder in the implementation of NextGen flight procedures. Since the goal was to have the letter come from the Tempe Mayor, it was reviewed by staff through the chain of command and it was altered through the copy-editing process. The commission does not believe that the altered letter had the same message that the commission was initially trying to send. No response from the FAA has been received.
- Arizona senators proposed and got legislation included that require the FAA to facilitate community engagement and input before future flight path changes are made. In March, 2017, they requested a progress report from the FAA about its implementation.
- The new subcommittee's mandate needs to define the purpose of a Tempe NAO and what tasks it should do including an evaluation of the aviation tasks Tempe staff is currently charged with.
- Staffs current tasks regarding aviation and TAVCO are known. Is it necessary to establish a subcommittee to determine what goals are not being met with staffs current duties, and what additional tasks would meet those goals? The decision matrix with commissioner input should help answer this question.
- The purpose of a subcommittee should not be to build a hammer before it has found a nail.
- The commission needs to articulate a problem statement with suggestions about what Tempe can do through its intergovernmental connections to establish channels of early communications between the FAA, the airlines, and the airport regarding planned airspace actions that involve flight path changes over cities close to PHX.
- The commission should keep in mind the perspective of the airport users, such as the risks of building new high rise residential complexes under flight paths.

- Maricopa Association of Government (MAG) may be a good platform to establish a multi-jurisdictional noise office. The city should consider this method as a way to meet the commission's goals.
- The County provides MAG with periodic emission inventories that include airport ground operation emissions.

Follow-up:

- Mr. Lane Carraway encouraged the members to give their input on the decision matrix.
- Mr. David Naugle will check MAG activities, to find out more on the prospect of MAG getting involved in aviation impact issues, and staff would research who in the neighboring cities' organizations besides Phoenix are tasked with handling aviation impact related issues.

Agenda Item 5 – Commissioners' Business

- Further discussion of the establishment of a new subcommittee and proposed NAO based on member input on the decision matrix.
- Individual members thoughts on what they are charged to do as aviation commissioners.

Agenda Item 6 – Schedule Next TAVCO Meeting

Action: The next meeting was scheduled for June 13, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda Item 7 – Adjournment

Motion: Mr. Robert Dixon moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. David Naugle seconded the motion.

Action: The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. by a unanimous vote.

Prepared by: Oddvar Tveit and Cassandra Mac