

## Minutes

### Tempe Aviation Commission Noise Abatement Subcommittee

Friday, June 9, 2017

Minutes of the Tempe Aviation Commission Noise Abatement Subcommittee meeting held on June 9, 2017, 5:30 p.m., at the Eisendrath House SRP Water Education Facility, 1400 N. College Ave, Tempe, Arizona.

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Lane Carraway  
Robert Dixon  
John Q. Nunes

**City Staff Present:**

Oddvar Tveit, *Environmental Quality Specialist*

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

Shannon Dutton (Excused)

**Meeting convened at 5:30 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order. Lane Carraway provided staff with proposed text for the establishment of a new subcommittee to be discussed at the upcoming aviation commission meeting on June 13, 2017.

**Agenda Item 1 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes (May 8, 2017)**

**Motion:** Mr. Robert Dixon moved to approve the draft February meeting minutes. Mr. Lane Carraway seconded the motion.

**Action:** The May 8, 2017 meeting minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

**Agenda Item 2 – Establishment of a Tempe noise abatement office**

Oddvar Tveit asked the members about the purpose of having continued discussions of this topic, based on the need to come up with a clear statement of the problem and what needs to be changed or added to reach a resolution. The staff's questions in the decision matrix helped clarify the issues but have produced little input from the members. However, if the subcommittee can produce something that helps the full Commission pass a recommendation, staff will do what is needed to bring those recommendations forward to the elected officials.

**Discussions:**

- There is need for a regional office or forum to address NextGen and future plans for flight path changes at PHX.
- The lawsuit has negatively impacted the City of Phoenix in terms of taking the lead on creating a forum.
- Tempe should start by inviting the Cities of Mesa, Chandler and Scottsdale to discuss a PHX aviation forum.
- Unlike PAUWG (Phoenix Airspace Users Working Group), it needs to be more than just informative.
- Staff asked to what problems the subcommittee needs to find solutions:
  - a.) Additional resources to deal with noise problems residents have with airport operations.
  - b.) Lack of appropriate representation to make a forum different from the PAUWG or in addition to PAUWG. When Tempe was invited to join the PAUWG, the hope was to get upfront information about airport and airspace plans that could impact the operations of PHX.
- An incremental approach may be more successful; for example, recommend that the commission first solicit

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input on the joint forum idea from elected officials, and then propose a new subcommittee to develop a framework for a regional noise office with council's input.

- Need to frame the problem and argue why the city should approach other cities regarding the idea of a joint noise forum that could improve communications with the FAA and airlines about airport noise and flight paths over residential areas.

Mr. John Q. Nunes proposed to develop a problem statement about what is coming up with regard to NextGen and the need for a joint forum for information and involvement of the communities about flight path changes that could be discussed at a subsequent commission meeting.

**Agenda Item 3 – Adjournment**

**Motion:** Mr. Robert Dixon moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Lane Carraway seconded the motion.

**Action:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Prepared by: Oddvar Tveit

Reviewed by: Justin Bern