



## Minutes Tempe Aviation Commission NAO Subcommittee Tuesday, August 15, 2017

Minutes of the Tempe Aviation Commission NAO Subcommittee meeting held on August 15, 2017, 5:30 p.m., at the Eisendrath House SRP Water Education Facility, 1400 N. College Ave, Tempe, Arizona.

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Lane Carraway (TAVCO Chair)  
Robert Dixon  
Shannon Dutton  
John Q Nunes  
Tim Teserio

**City Staff Present:**

Parrish Spisz, *City Council Aid II+*  
Oddvar Tveit, *Environmental Quality Specialist*

**Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order**

Mr. Lane Carraway called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. by calling upon the members to 1) agree on a preferred monthly meeting day of the week for the new subcommittee and 2) the need to elect a chair to lead deliberations.

**Motion 1:** Mr. Robert Dixon moved to designate Wednesdays of the month as preferred meeting date. Mr. John Q Nunes seconded the motion.

**Action:** The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**Motion 2:** Mr. John Q Nunes moved not to have an official chairperson for the NAO subcommittee. Mr. Robert Dixon seconded the motion.

**Action:** The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

*Ms. Shannon Dutton joined the meeting at 5:50 p.m.*

**Agenda Item 2 –Noise Abatement Office (NAO)**

Environmental Quality Specialist Oddvar Tveit made introductory remarks about the aviation commission's decision to ask the new subcommittee to explore ways forward to get support for establishing a regional aviation noise forum, preferably an office with permanent staffing (Noise Abatement Office - NAO), and the previous subcommittee's arguments for why Tempe should take the initiative.

Discussions:

What is the purpose and need for a NAO?

- The Phoenix Airspace Users Working Group, where the civil and military aviation community from the region and beyond meets to talk about aviation activities, has proven to be not conducive for discussions regarding noise mitigation.
- The idea is to have Tempe establish something that other communities can join in order to have a coalition to deal with aviation noise.

- For the FAA's planning of actions that impact where and how aircraft operate inside valley airspace, the FAA would likely support a joint office with representation from several communities in the Phoenix metropolitan area.
- The benefits of creating a noise office is to have an open forum that has the ability to communicate with the FAA and the airlines regarding plans and how they may affect the community, and also the ability to pass that information to the public.

What steps would Tempe need to take?

- City staff, perhaps accompanied by a couple of commission members, could get approval to approach other municipalities to present the idea. After mutual agreement, the municipalities could collectively determine a mission statement and a meeting schedule, for example, perhaps a monthly schedule and have a six-month public meeting schedule.
- The FAA's PHX Metroplex project is on hold, but the intent of a NAO is to put the valley in a position to have a forum for better communication with the FAA and valley communities before any major changes occur.
- For Tempe, NextGen RNAVs have made operations more efficient, but has also exacerbated the noise issue both in north Tempe under the runway approaches and in south Tempe areas where the same areas are overflowed by both outgoing and incoming flights at different times of the day.

What should a TAVCO proposal to council contain?

- A statement of the problem why it cannot be addressed with the existing system in place
- The composition and duties of a NAO and its staff
- Suggestions regarding the process that could be taken to create a NAO
- An example of what a mission statement could look like
- The outcomes and benefits of creating a NAO
- Perhaps a suggestion that it be a pilot program
- Mention a model airport that has a forum similar to what is proposed.
- Develop talking points to present to other communities and consider including the east Valley Partnership, Aviation & Aerospace Committee.

**Motion:** Mr. Robert Dixon moved to approve the draft recommendation to the Tempe Aviation Commission for review and discussion. Ms. Shannon Dutton seconded the motion.

**Action:** The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

### **Agenda Item 3 – Schedule Next Meeting**

The next subcommittee meeting was schedule to September 6, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

### **Agenda Item 3 – Adjournment**

**Motion:** Mr. Robert Dixon moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Shannon Dutton seconded the motion.

**Action:** The meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote at 6:42 p.m.

Prepared by: Oddvar Tveit

Reviewed by: Justin Bern