



## Minutes Tempe Aviation Commission November 14, 2017

Minutes of the Tempe Aviation Commission meeting held on November 14, 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)  
Robert Miller  
John Q. Nunes  
Tim Teserio

**(Members) Absent:**

David Naugle (Excused)

**City Staff Present:**

Chuck Cahoy, Deputy City Attorney  
Oddvar Tveit, *Environmental Quality Specialist*

**Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order**

Chair Lane Carraway called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances**

There were no public appearances.

**Agenda Item 3 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes (October 17, 2017)**

Chair Lane Carraway asked for comments to the drafted October 17, 2017 meeting minutes, and a motion to approve.

**Motion:** Ms. Shannon Dutton moved to approve minutes as drafted and Mr. Robert Miller seconded the motion.

**Action:** The October 17, 2017 commission meeting minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

**Agenda Item 4 – City Monitoring of the Phoenix v. the FAA**

Mr. Chuck Cahoy informed about the current situation:

- After the ruling by the DC Circuit Court of Appeals in August, the FAA filed an unopposed motion to extend the deadline by which it had to file a motion for reconsideration to the Court. This week the FAA filed second unopposed motion to extend deadline to November 30, 2017.
- The second motion states that parties have been working diligently and expeditiously on a mutually-agreeable approach to implement the Court's judgement, which means that the FAA has been in discussions with the legal counsels for the neighborhood group that was party to the law suit.
- Tempe has hired an outside counsel to represent the city on aviation matters. The Tempe counsel has been in touch with the counsels for the City of Phoenix and the FAA to express Tempe's interests in the case.
- The city's consultations with the outside counsel about the case are covered by attorney client privilege and not disclosed to the public.

### **Agenda Item 5 – Processing of the Commission’s NAO Recommendation**

Mr. Oddvar Tveit told the members that the Commission’s recommendation and the approved list of arguments for the city to initiate getting a joint Noise Abatement Office established had been processed internally in the Public Works Department. Next step is the City Manager level and find a time when the issue can be presented at a Council Work Study Session (WSS). The council has many WSS items and decides on agenda review meetings what new items to add to their agendas. Earliest opportunity appears to be at a WSS in February 2018.

### **Agenda Item 6 – Flight Procedures for PHX Approaches and Departures**

Mr. W. David Doiron talked about commercial flight operations from a pilot’s perspective looking back on how operations at the Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport have evolved. He pointed to three things to consider when the Commission is discussing aircraft noise:

- What are the pilots doing? It is determined by:
  - Training
  - Survival Instinct
  - Job preservation
  - Orders from the boss
  - Repetition and some other things
- What do you want them to do?
- What incentive can you provide to make them change?

The members addressed new high-rise constructions in Tempe’s downtown areas below where aircraft depart and arrive the airport, and how to get airlines to impress on their pilots to follow operational procedures that are the best in reducing noise for the people on the ground.

### **Agenda Item 7 – Annual Report**

Mr. Oddvar Tveit presented a draft report that had been distributed prior to the meeting for approval. This is the second year a summary of attendance and what the commission, including subcommittee have been working on is to be submitted for Council review.

**Motion:** Mr. Robert Dixon moved to approve the drafted report and Mr. John Q. Nunes seconded the motion.

**Action:** The 2017 Aviation Commission Annual Report were approved by a unanimous vote.

*Mr. Robert Miller left the meeting at 7:20 p.m.*

### **Agenda Item 8 – Commissioners’ Business**

- Discussion of arrival volumes and approach patterns over Tempe.
- Nomination of candidates for the 2018 election of officers.

### **Agenda Item 9 – Schedule Next TAVCO Meeting**

**Action:** The next meeting was scheduled for December 12, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

### **Agenda Item 10 – Adjournment**

**Motion:** Mr. Robert Dixon moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. John Q. Nunes seconded the motion.

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

Prepared by: Oddvar Tveit

Reviewed by: Justin Bern