



Minutes Tempe Aviation Commission January 10, 2012

Minutes of the Tempe Aviation Commission meeting held on January 10, 2012, 6:30 p.m., at the Public Works Conference Room, Garden Level, City Hall Complex, 31 E. Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Richard Collins
Tara Ellman
Amy Fish
Karyn Gitlis
John Robert Johnson
Curtis Ritland
Barbara Sherman (Vice Chair)
Alyson Star
Kurtis Zinger

(MEMBERS) Absent:

David Swanson (Chair)
Sally Clements (Excused)

City Staff Present:

Chuck Cahoy, Assistant City Attorney
Oddvar Tveit, Environmental Quality
Specialist

Meeting convened at 6:39 p.m.

Barbara called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

There were no public appearances.

Agenda Item 2 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes (December 13, 2011)

Kurtis moved to approve the minutes with corrections proposed by him and Karyn. Karyn seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 4 – Updates From Staff

2011 Compliance:

Staff presented annual compliance rates for the 4-DME instrument departure procedure comparing the 2011 annual rates for both the Phoenix gate and Tempe Corridor compliance measure with annual rates for previous years. Questions were asked about the drop in the Tempe Corridor rates to a lower annual average after 06 and 07. Growth in east departure volumes before the economic downturn, implementation of RNAV routing, and new airlines operating at the airport, were likely contributors to a lower annual average compliance rate with the Tempe Corridor. With regard to the annual split in east west direction of departures, Tempe bears the brunt of nighttime departure operations and Phoenix gets most departures overall with counting what occurs during daytime hours. Early morning, (before 7:00 a.m.), and late evening departures, (after 10:00 p.m.), are counted as nighttime departures. The drop in average noise

levels at the monitoring sites in Tempe during the recent years had to do with the economic downturn causing a reduction in aircraft operation volumes and airlines gradually phasing out older lower performing and less fuel-efficient aircraft. The sharp reduction in Tempe Corridor compliance rate for the last month of 2011 was likely impacted both by weather and holiday traffic volumes; even though both cities exclude from the calculation of compliance a number of non-complying departures every month considered to have been influenced by weather conditions.

Agenda Item 5 – Forum for Sky Harbor Issues

Staff reminded the members that the issue was suggested as a topic for future discussion at the December 2011 meeting, and dealt with venues of communication between Phoenix and Tempe and the need to stay updated on Sky Harbor plans, programs and operations. The members had asked for representation from the City Attorney's Office to be guided when deliberating ideas about how to get potential airport impact issues of interest to Tempe addressed. Members expressed that they also needed guidance on addressing Sky Harbor issues when not gathered as a quorum at monthly Commission meetings.

Chuck answered questions about recommended conduct for commissioners including situations where they want to do research and attend meetings held by other bodies. As private citizens, they are free to attend meetings of other bodies that are of interest to them and for fact-finding purposes. If asked about why they were attending such a meeting the recommended response was to disclose their TAVCO membership and therefore they were interested in the issues addressed at the meeting. The members should avoid making any statements that could be interpreted as they were representing the City of Tempe at such meetings. They were advised against making attempts to hold joint, publicly-noticed meetings with their counterpart in Phoenix without first seeking guidance or approval from City management or the City Council. They were advised also to avoid or be cautious about attending such meetings as a small group, not constituting a quorum. The best course of action would be for them to develop a more firm proposal for what activities they would like to undertake, put it in writing, and have their staff liaison submit it to the City Attorney's Office for review of whether they had the necessary authority. If the answer is that they do not have such authority, they could then submit a request to City management and Council for approval to engage in specific actions under the Commission's mandate.

The members agreed to table the topic until they had a better idea of the specific action they would like to pursue.

Agenda Item 3 – Election of Officers

Barbara asked if Kurtis was prepared to be a candidate for the office of Chair for the Aviation Commission. With Kurtis' acceptance, Curt moved to elect Kurtis as Chair. The motion was seconded by Amy. The motion passed by unanimous vote. Curt also moved to elect Barbara as Vice-Chair for 2012. With Amy seconding the motion, Barbara was elected for the office of Vice Chair by a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 6 – Recommendation on Joining the National Organization to Insure a Sound-Controlled Environment (N.O.I.S.E.)

Staff had included a statement crafted by Kurtis and reviewed by staff listing reasons for the City of Tempe to join N.O.I.S.E. in the meeting handouts. Kurtis had agreed to develop draft

statement at the January 2011 meeting. The Commission had made a recommendation to the Chair of the Transportation Council Committee to ask the NLC Transportation Infrastructure & Services Steering Committee to review its policy document and include goals for airport noise-impacted communities. It had yet to be determined if any revisions relevant to the Commission's recommendation had been included in the NLC Transportation Infrastructure & Services Policy Chapter for 2012.

Kurtis moved to submit the statement to the Transportation Council Committee with a delegation to staff to add language that recognizes Councilmember Shana's work to promote Tempe interests in NLC on transportation related issues and the fact that the NLC Transportation Infrastructure & Services Policy Chapter has been under review by the NLC, and to include a request to have TAVCO present the reasons for recommending city membership in N.O.I.S.E. at a committee meeting. Dick seconded the motion.

On suggestion from Karyn, Kurtis and Dick agreed to amend the motion to include editorial corrections to the statement and have staff add a sentence about membership opening up access to resources that N.O.I.S.E. possesses with its long experience in working for local communities impacted by airport operations. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Follow up: Staff would revise the statement and submit the final wording of the Commissioners statement and request before it is forwarded to Transportation Council Committee staff to get the item on the Transportation Council Committee's agenda.

Agenda Item 7 – Commissioners' Business (topics for future discussion)

The members reviewed the 2011 Gantt chart for TAVCO initiatives. No new topics were suggested for 2012.

Agenda Item 8 – Schedule next TAVCO meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for February 14, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda Item 9 – Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Prepared by: Oddvar Tveit

Reviewed by: Don Hawkes

Authorized Signature
Deputy Public Works Director - Water Utilities