

## Minutes Tempe Aviation Commission June 12, 2018

Minutes of the Tempe Aviation Commission meeting held on June 12, 2018, 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  
W. David Doiron  
Shannon Dutton  
Gordon Gauss  
Robert Miller  
Valeriy Khaldarov

**(Members) Absent:**

John Q. Nunes (Vice Chair)

**City Staff Present:**

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 (May 8, 2018)**

Chair Lane Carraway asked for comments to the drafted May 2018 meeting minutes, and a motion to approve. Ms. Shannon Dutton asked that the minutes should include a question that was asked at the meeting about the NOMS RFP; if it included noise monitoring site upgrades, which it did not include.

**Motion:** Ms. Shannon Dutton moved to approve the drafted minutes with the proposed addition. Mr. Robert Dixon seconded the motion.

**Action:** The drafted minutes were approved as amended by six votes for the motion and one abstention.

**Agenda Item 4 – Staff Update**

*Recruitment of Support Staff*

The City Attorney's Office is in the process of hiring a replacement for Cuck Cahoy, who assisted on variety of issues including aviation. The Deputy Public Works Director, Holly Rosenthal, sits on the recruitment panel which is in the process of conducting interviews. She asks the Commission to be patient about receiving a requested update on the City's legal aviation staff support functions until a new person is in place and work areas have been designated. It is expected that there will be no changes regarding the City's current access to outside aviation environmental related legal expertise.

**Agenda Item 5 – Noise Abatement Office (NAO) recommendation**

Chair Lane referred to the documentation that was distributed in the meeting package containing arguments for the creation of a Noise Abatement Office (NAO). Because the city will start working on a budget for FY 2019-20, he suggested after having talked to senior staff in the Public Works department that the Commission should come up with arguments for the funding of a NAO.

**Discussions:**

- The Commissions' NAO recommendation has been lingering in the city for months without being subject to discussion by the City Mayor and Council. It is up to the city staff rather than the Commission to address funding and staffing of the NAO if the recommendation is presented and supported by the Mayor and Council.
- This is the action the Commission recommends for the upcoming budget process: The City should allocate funding to create an office staffed by a person who ultimately will go out and interface with aviation noise staff in other communities to make the NAO into a conduit for;
  - passing information to the FAA and various airports and
  - receive information from them, and
  - potentially lobby them by presenting the issues communities have with noise aircraft abatement and pollution.
- There is political support by members on the City Council, but the problem is how to fund it considering the many issues that have higher priority for elected officials. The Commission can only keep reminding them about what the Commission has recommended.
- The Commission should have routed this as a recommendation about staffing and not focused on support from mayor and Council to establish an NAO.
- It would be worth having a representative from a community in another state with an established successful interface between the FAA, the airports and the surrounding communities on noise issues come and talk to Tempe officials, but that also would require funding.
- Even if everything works out as the Commission has recommended, the City may still get nowhere, because the FAA has to make a place for a community staff person to participate in procedure development and have the FAA respond to arguments why ATC should refrain from honoring pilot requests for deviations that cause increased noise exposure. That is why Tempe needs other communities involved to get the necessary leverage.

*Robert Miller left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.*

**Action:**

**Motion:** Mr. Robert Dixon moved:

- a) The Commission tables further discussion of the NAO recommendation until staff had made further inquiries to help clarify whether the recommendation still is an option the city wants to pursue and if that is the case, clarify what is needed to bring it forward to the point when a decision can be made.
- b) Staff informs the members about status by e-mail before the Commission again meets to address the topic.

The motion was seconded by Mr. David Doiron.

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

**Agenda Item 6 – Commissioners' business**

- An update of where the city is with regard the Commission's NAO recommendation.
- Mr. David Doiron will distribute and explain three climb profiles applied by airlines at PHX.

**Agenda Item 7 – Schedule next TAVCO meeting**

The next meeting was scheduled for July 10, 2018. The members agreed that the summer month with no meeting this year would be September 2018.

**Agenda Item 9 – Adjournment**

**Motion:** Mr. Robert Dixon moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Gordon Gauss seconded the motion.

**Action:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. by a unanimous vote.

Prepared by: Oddvar Tveit

Reviewed by: Justin Bern