

## Minutes Tempe Aviation Commission October 8, 2019

Minutes of the Tempe Aviation Commission meeting held on October 8, 2019, 6:30 p.m., at the Engineering & Transportation Conference Room, Garden Level, City Hall Complex, 31 E. Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona.

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Lane Carraway (Vice Chair)  
W. David Doiron  
Shannon Dutton  
Gordon Gauss  
Valeriy Khaldarov  
Trevor Pan  
Peter Schelstraete

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

John Q. Nunes (Excused)

**City Staff Present:**

Oddvar Tveit, *Environmental Quality Specialist, City of Tempe*

**Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order**

Vice Chairman Lane Carraway called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

**Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances**

Ms. Desiree Walker introduced herself to the members.

**Agenda Item 3 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes (September 10, 2019)**

Mr. Carraway asked for any changes or modifications to the drafted September 10, 2019 meeting minutes and a motion to approve.

**Motion:** Ms. Dutton moved to approve the drafted minutes with two suggested corrections. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gauss.

**Action:** The motion to approve the amended draft for September 10, 2019 meeting minutes passed by a unanimous vote. Ayes: Mr. Carraway, Mr. Doiron, Ms. Dutton, Mr. Gauss, Mr. Khaldarov. Abstentions: None. Nays: None. Absent: Mr. Nunes, Mr. Pan and Mr. Schelstraete.

**Agenda Item 4 – FAA representation on Commission Meetings**

Mr. Tveit introduced the topic which was suggested by the Vice chair to discuss the situation after the FAA had declined to participate at the Commission's public aviation meeting held in Tempe City Council Chambers on June 19, 2019 and its consequences for future invitations to the FAA about attendance at commission meetings. He had asked the PHX TRACON manager about impacts on future attendance by him or other FAA officials at the Commission's meetings and the recommended procedure going forward is for the Commission to make formal requests to the FAA Regional Administrator for the Western Pacific Region for agency participation at Commission meetings. The invitation should include agenda topics with the issues or questions the Commission would like the FAA to address or answer at the meeting.

*Mr. Pan and Mr. Schelstraete joined the meeting at 6:39 p.m.*

The FAA has been reviewing public comments received in connection with the public workshops the agency held in Phoenix in April 2019 for Step Two of the agreement with the Phoenix petitioners. The FAA considers the public involvement process they agreed to undertake completed by the workshops held in April. At this time the Commission does not know what whether the FAA will propose additional to aircraft routing adjustments beyond the Step One changes, which brought west departure routing back on approximate flight paths to those in place before September 2014.

Tempe and the Commission received input from residents from the questionnaires, e-mails and other written comments received prior to and at the June 2019 meeting. The Commission's moderator, with staff's assistance, answered concerns and questions received at and before the meeting but could not present answers from the FAA's perspective.

Discussions:

- The Commission could bring up the questions raised by residents at the June meeting that dealt with FAA air traffic.
- When declining to participate in the FAA mentions the agreement with the City of Phoenix and the Phoenix Historic Neighborhoods. Tempe is redeveloping and no longer has areas with historic neighborhoods under the flight paths comparable to the west side of the airport in Phoenix downtown areas.
- Any actions beyond advice to staff on how to proceed needs to be addressed under agenda item #6, and advance timing is needed because of the approaching holiday season. Additional questions members have about air traffic not already posed by residents in connection with the public meeting in June should be forwarded to staff, who will provide the questions and answers metrics developed after the June 2019 meetings to the members.

**Motion:** Mr. Schelstraete moved that staff draft a letter of invitation to the FAA about attendance with a list of questions to be discussed at the November meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gauss.

**Action:** The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Ayes: Mr. Carraway, Mr. Doiron, Ms. Dutton, Mr. Gauss, Mr. Khaldarov, Mr. Pan and Mr. Schelstraete. Abstentions: None. Nays: None. Absent: Mr. Nunes.

**Agenda Item 5 – Synopsis on Annual Noise Report Discussion**

Mr. Tveit presented a chart showing a synopsis of the Commission's discussion of the 2018 annual noise mitigation compliance summary report at meetings starting in January 2019 and ending at the April meeting. During the April meeting the report was accepted by the Commission with the addition of annual complaints extracted from the PHX Noise and Operations Monitoring System filed with the City of Phoenix by Tempe residents. The Commission rejected Mr. Khaldarov's suggestion to continue the discussion of the drafted report after the April meeting.

Discussion:

The Chair and the members tried to respond to concerns raised by Mr. Khaldarov and his suggestion that reports from Tempe need to be audited to disclose that the reports from Tempe and Phoenix do not reflect the reality.

Mr. Tveit reminded the members that this topic had been closed during the April meeting. Mr. Carraway received a memo from Mr. Khaldarov which he gave to staff. It included previously submitted material and additional information from published reports about departure exclusions due to weather, PHX Gate compliance rates and noise complaints received by the City of Tempe.

**Agenda Item 6 – Commissioners' business**

- Drafted meeting invitation to FAA with questions from the City of Tempe.
- Annual activity report for 2019.

There is currently one vacancy on the Commission and the City Clerk has gone out to solicit additional applications.

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

The next meeting was scheduled for November 12, 2019.

**Agenda Item 8 – Adjournment**

**Motion:** Mr. Schelstraete moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Doiron seconded the motion.

**Action:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. by a unanimous vote. Ayes: Mr. Carraway, Mr. Doiron, Ms. Dutton, Mr. Gauss, Mr. Khaldarov, Mr. Pan and Mr. Schelstraete. Abstentions: None. Nays: None. Absent: Mr. Nunes.

Prepared by: Oddvar Tveit

Reviewed by: Christina Hoppes

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