

Minutes Tempe Aviation Commission June 9, 2020

Minutes of the Tempe Aviation Commission virtual Microsoft Teams meeting with call in # +1 (480) 498-8745 United States, Phoenix (Toll) Conference ID: 595 890 366# # held on June 9, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

(MEMBERS) Present:

W. David Doiron
John Lynch
Stuart Mitnik
Trevor Pan (Vice Chair)
Ellen Poole
Peter Schelstraete
Desiree Walker

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Lane Carraway (excused)
Valeriy Khaldarov (excused)

City Staff Present:

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

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Mr. Trevor Pan called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances

There were no public appearances.

Agenda Item 3 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes (May 12, 2020)

Mr. Pan asked if there were any objections to the content in the drafted minutes and asked for a motion to approve the drafted May 12, 2020 meeting minutes.

Motion: Mr. Mitnik moved to approve the minutes as drafted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lynch.

Action: The motion to approve the drafted February 12, 2020 meeting minutes passed by a six votes. Ayes: Mr. Doiron, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Mitnik, Mr. Pan, Ms. Poole, Ms. Walker. Abstentions: Mr. Schelstraete. Nays: None. Absent: Mr. Carraway and Mr. Khaldarov.

Agenda Item 4 – How to get attention to Commission issues on-line

Mr. Tveit informed the members that the city only posts Council meetings on the city's home page. To access the Commission's meetings people can click on "more events" or look up the meeting on the home page calendar. The Commission has access to the assigned Public Information Officer (POI) to get announcements out to the public. The commission received assistance last year to get information out about the June 19, 2019 public aviation meeting.

Discussions:

- Could the city track how many clicks there are on www.tempe.gov/TAVCO and the commission's web site pages? The city uses the Mailchimp® marketing platform to inform the public, and the application track clicks, and where on a posted page most clicks occur.
- What about social media access and hosting social media pages? The assigned POI controls postings on social media.

- Even if the commission could have a social media page, it would raise concerns about who could post, web security and involve additional workload for staff who would need to manage it.

Follow up: What options the city has on its website besides Mailchimp® to track visits to the city's web pages, and city policy on using social media for boards and commissions.

Agenda Item 5 – FAA Noise Complaint Initiative

Mr. Tveit talked about the FAA's initiative to improve the handling of noise complaints, a topic from the UC Davis Aviation Noise & Emissions Symposium held in early March 2020. The FAA posted an update to the agency's policy on addressing aircraft noise complaints and public inquiries late last year, and announced the initiative to more effectively coordinate consistent responses within FAA's regions and with help from the airports.

Aircraft complaints have been discussed with the FAA Office of the Environment and Energy (AEE) at previous UC Davis symposiums. A discussion that started in 2010 by the AEE solicited symposium attendants input on future research projects, including looking at standardization of complaint data registration. A project was funded through the TRB (Transportation Research Board) with San Diego as participating airport and with the City of Tempe being contacted by the AEE to give input. The outcome was the TRB Airport Cooperative Research Program (ACRP) reports on how improve communications with the public about issues related to aircraft noise and manage public expectations.

The FAA's complaint initiative includes:

1. Web based noise portals in each of the FAA's nine regions to make the agency responsive to public concerns about aircraft noise, e.g. address public concerns about NextGen air traffic improvements.
2. Response coordination to for the FAA to standardize responses, be consistent and avoid duplication of efforts in communications with the public about aircraft noise. An internal consultation process will be in place to identify correct respondent, and when the responsibility to respond is delegated to an airport, a drafted response will be reviewed by the FAA for quality purposes.

The plan is to start out in the FAA's Southern Region, (Atlanta, Georgia).

Discussion:

- People are currently concerned about the historic time we are living in with the COVID 19 pandemic and has other worries than the airport noise.
- Cannot see any benefit as the complaint initiative does not include other non-agency participants than airport sponsors.
- At Heathrow airport in UK residents have approaches so low they seem to hit the roof tops, and the only response from the authorities there to complaints appears to be home insulation offered to the most impacted neighborhoods.
- Airlines are prepared to divert more flights to Stanstead or Gatwick, but it is the traveling public who finds Heathrow so appealing with its central location and connections.

Agenda Item 8– Commissioners' business

- The purpose and role of the Aviation Commission.
- The Scottsdale petition regarding the FAA's announcement not to pursue further airspace changes in Phoenix.

Agenda Item 9– Schedule next TAVCO meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for August 11, 2020 because of the commission's practice of having one month free from meeting and the pandemic.

Agenda Item 10 – Adjournment

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

Action: The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m. by a unanimous vote. Ayes: Mr. Doiron, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Mitnik, Mr. Pan, Ms. Poole, Mr. Schelstraete, Ms. Walker. Abstentions: None. Nays: None. Absent: Mr. Carraway and Mr. Khaldarov.

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Reviewed by: Christina Hoppes

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