

# Minutes

## Tempe Aviation Commission

### December 15, 2020

Minutes of the Tempe Aviation Commission virtual Microsoft Teams meeting with call in +1 (480) 498-8745 United States, Phoenix (Toll) Conference ID: 501 283 729# held on December 15, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Lane Carraway (Chair)  
Valeriy Khaldarov  
Stuart Mitnik  
Trevor Pan  
Ellen Poole  
Desiree Walker

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

W. David Doiron (Excused)  
John Lynch  
Peter Schelstraete

**Citizens Present:**

Merrill Darcey, *Riverside Neighborhood Association*  
Shannon Dutton

**City Staff Present:**

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

**Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order**

Mr. Carraway called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m.

**Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances**

Merrill Darcey expressed concerns about the Commission's focus on the heat island effects of projects included in the PHX Comprehensive Asset Management Plan (PHX CAMP). The Commission seems to have overlooked the consequences PHX CAMP will have on ground transportation of cargo. Close to PHX there is no place for air cargo to go. The resulting truck traffic on Washington Street and SR-143 surrounding roadways to access the warehouse district along the SR-303 will be problematic. Transportation authorities should look at alternatives to air cargo at PHX. Consider transfer of air cargo to either Goodyear airport or in the event of a future decommissioning to Luke AFB where FedEx is building facilities. With Amazon and Taiwan Semiconductor along the SR-303 more air cargo at PHX makes little sense.

**Agenda Item 3 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes (November 10, 2020)**

Mr. Carraway asked if the members had any requests for changes to the drafted November 10, 2020 meeting minutes. Hearing none, Mr. Carraway asked for a motion to approve the drafted November meeting minutes.

**Motion:** Mr. Mitnik moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Poole.

**Action:** The motion to approve the drafted November 10, 2020 meeting minutes passed by a unanimous vote. Ayes: Mr. Carraway, Mr. Khaldarov, Mr. Mitnik, Mr. Pan, Ms. Poole and Ms. Walker. Abstentions: None. Nays: None. Absent: Mr. Doiron, Mr. Lynch and Mr. Schelstraete.

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#### **Agenda Item 4 – Letter of Recommendation to the Mayor and Council about concerns related to the PHX Comprehensive Asset Management Plan**

Mr. Tveit thanked the members for reviewing the first draft letter of recommendation. All edits received from the members were included in a second draft which was distributed electronically with the meeting material. The second draft was submitted through the City Sustainability Director to the Sustainability Commission. The Commission decided on December 14<sup>th</sup> 2020 to sign on to the letter of recommendation to the Mayor and Council about PHX CAMP full built out impact on the airport's heat island effects on Tempe and the likely expansion of air cargo traffic operations with a consolidated higher capacity cargo facility.

#### **Discussion:**

Because the letter of recommendation presented for approval has been accepted by the Sustainability Commission any amendments to include arguments made by Mr. Darcey about recommending alternative air cargo development elsewhere that at PHX has to be deferred to a future meeting agenda as a new topic for discussion.

Mr. Carraway asked for a motion to approve the second draft letter of recommendation about concerns regarding the PHX CAMP.

**Motion:** Mr. Mitnik moved to approve the draft letter as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Poole.

**Action:** The motion to approve the drafted letter of recommendation passed by a unanimous vote. Ayes: Mr. Carraway, Mr. Khaldarov, Mr. Mitnik, Mr. Pan, Ms. Poole and Ms. Walker. Abstentions: None. Nays: None. Absent: Mr. Doiron, Mr. Lynch and Mr. Schelstraete.

#### **Agenda Item 5 – Commission Officers for 2021**

Nominations: Mr. Tveit informed the members that Mr. Lynch had submitted a message before the meeting in which he nominated himself for the office of Vice-Chair and Ms. Poole for the office of Chairperson for 2021. Ms. Poole declined the nomination. Mr. Khaldarov nominated Mr. Mitnik for the office of Chair, and Mr. Lynch as Vice Chair. Mr. Mitnik declined the nomination and suggested someone with more time and experience on the commission should be nominated for the office of chair. Ellen nominated Mr. Doiron for the office of Chair and Mr. Lynch as Vice Chair. She also emphasized the importance of having a Chair with time and experience to lead the Commission particularly in a situation where the city needs to find a new permanent staff liaison. If Mr. Doiron chooses to decline her nomination she suggested Mr. Lynch for the office of Chair and herself as Vice-Chair as an alternative for the upcoming selection of officers in January 2021.

#### **Agenda Item 6 – Commissioners' business**

1. Potential additional nominations and selection of Chair and Vice Chair for 2021.
2. An update if available on the city's plans for providing Commission liaison support in the city organization.

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

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for January 12, 2021 at 6:30 through Microsoft Teams.

#### **Agenda Item 8 – Adjournment**

**Motion:** Mr. Pan moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Walker.

**Action:** The motion to adjourn the meeting passed by a unanimous vote. Ayes: Mr. Carraway, Mr. Khaldarov, Mr. Mitnik, Mr. Pan, Ms. Poole and Ms. Walker. Abstentions: None. Nays: None. Absent: Mr. Doiron, Mr. Lynch and Mr. Schelstraete. The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Prepared by: Oddvar Tveit

Reviewed by: Christina Hoppes