

Minutes

Tempe Aviation Commission

April 13, 2021

Minutes of the Tempe Aviation Commission virtual Microsoft Teams meeting with call in +1 (480) 498-8745 United States, Phoenix (Toll) Conference ID: 313744163# held on April 13, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Karen Apple
W. David Doiron
Ed Kucharski
John Lynch
Ellen Poole
Peter Schelstraete
Desiree Walker

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Lane Carraway (excused)
Stuart Mitnik

Citizens Present:

Shannon Dutton

City Staff Present:

Christina Hoppes, *Environmental Program Supervisor*
Oddvar Tveit, *Temporary Employee, City of Tempe*

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Mr. Doiron called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances

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Agenda Item 3 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes (March 9, 2021)

Mr. Doiron asked if the members had any requests for changes to the drafted March 9, 2021 meeting minutes. Hearing none, Mr. Doiron asked for a motion to approve the drafted March meeting minutes.

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

Action: The motion to approve the drafted March 9, 2021 meeting minutes passed by a unanimous vote. Ayes: Ms. Apple, Mr. Kucharski, Mr. Doiron, Mr. Lynch, Ms. Poole, Mr. Schelstraete, and Ms. Walker. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: Mr. Carraway, Mr. Mitnik.

Agenda Item 4 – Review of Annual Summary Report

Mr. Tveit explained the summary report to the commission updated data presentations were made in the proposed 2020 summary report on PHX east operations, noise exposure, complaints and airline compliance with North Tempe noise mitigation flight procedures. The commission reviewed the changes Mr. Tveit made to the annual report based upon feedback received during the previous meeting. The commission thanked Mr. Tveit for the edits to make the report clearer.

Motion: Mr. Lynch moved to approve the posting of the report to the website. The motion was seconded by Ms. Poole.

Action: The motion to approve the posting of the report to the website passed by a unanimous vote. Ayes: Mr. Apple, Mr. Kucharski, Mr. Doiron, Mr. Lynch, Ms. Poole, Mr. Schelstraete, and Ms. Walker. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: Mr. Carraway, Mr. Mitnik.

Agenda Item 5 – FAA’s Noise Policy and Research

Mr. Doiron advised he reviewed the FFA noise policy agreement with the City of Tempe. The commission discussed the Phoenix/Tempe intergovernmental agreement. There was agreement that Tempe was a stakeholder but did not have too much leverage to make changes in the Phoenix Sky Harbor operation. The IGA noise mitigation flight procedures are voluntary, but FAA’s policy is not to change them unless it is [requested by the airport](#). The reduction in aircraft noise has mainly been through airplane engine modifications, and reduced noise exposure through insulated apartment “bubble living”. The goals of the commission would be to track and stay informed rather than to try to change operations through a lawsuit.

Agenda Item 6 –Commissioners’ Business

Mr. Doiron asked if the commissions newest member would introduce himself. Ed Kucharski advised that he is retired, has a private pilot license and has worked for the City of Phoenix Aviation Department at Deer Valley, Goodyear and Sky Harbor airports. He has lived in the City of Tempe since 1972. Mr. Lynch raised a question to Mr. Tveit about the status of Mr. Tveit’s replacement at the City of Tempe. Mr. Tveit advised that the City of Tempe is still working on his replacement and that he will be present for the May meeting. Mr. Tveit was also asked if there was any update on resuming in-person meetings? Mr. Tveit advised not yet, upon last inquiry by the City of Phoenix. Tempe’s response was that a possible decision on it may be made in June or July. Mr. Doiron advised that staff should forward any agenda topics for discussion to Mr. Tveit before the next meeting. Mr. Tveit advised that he may have an update on the Phoenix CAMP Environmental Assessment if there’s any new news. Tempe’s Mayor advised the City Manager to engage with the City of Phoenix on heat island mitigation. Ms. Apple mentioned that Phoenix Sky Harbor has a new airport director and he may be willing to attend a future meeting. Mr. Doiron suggested to postpone the invitation until in person meetings could resume.

Agenda Item 7 – Schedule next TAVCO meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for May 11, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. through Microsoft Teams.

Agenda Item 8 – Adjournment

Motion: Mr. Doiron moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lynch.

Action: The motion to adjourn the meeting passed by a unanimous vote. Ayes: Ms. Apple, Mr. Kucharski, Mr. Doiron, Mr. Lynch, Ms. Poole, Mr. Schelstraete, and Ms. Walker. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: Mr. Carraway, Mr. Mitnik.

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

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Reviewed by: Oddvar Tveit