

Minutes

Tempe Aviation Commission

June 8, 2021

Minutes of the Tempe Aviation Commission hybrid meeting - 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. and in-person meeting at Tempe City Hall, 3rd Floor Conference Room, 31 East Fifth Street Tempe, AZ 85281

(MEMBERS) Present:

Karen Apple
W. David Doiron
Ellen Poole
Desiree Walker
Stuart Mitnik
Lane Carraway
Ed Kucharski

(MEMBERS) Absent:

John Lynch
Peter Schelstraete

Citizens Present:

Shannon Dutton

City Staff Present:

Haven Bills, Sustainability Office, City of Tempe
Braden Kay, Sustainability Office, City of Tempe
Christina Hoppes, *Environmental Program Supervisor*
Ambika Adhikari, *Principal Planner of Community Development*
Brenda Clark

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

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

Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances

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Agenda Item 3 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes (May 11, 2021)

Mr. Doiron stated that past meeting minutes published on the website have not been changed to approved. Dr. Kay advised that the change will be made.

Mr. Doiron asked if the members had any requests for changes to the drafted May 11, 2021 meeting minutes. Hearing none, Mr. Doiron asked for a motion to approve the drafted March meeting minutes.

Motion: Mr. Carraway moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Doiron.

Action: The motion to approve the drafted May 11, 2021 meeting minutes passed by a unanimous vote. Ayes: Ms. Apple, Mr. Doiron, Ms. Poole, Ms. Walker, Mr. Mitnik, Mr. Carraway, Mr. Kucharski. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Absent:

Agenda Item 4 – Character Area 1 – Papago/North Tempe Outreach and Planning Process Presentation

Ambika Adhikari, Principal Planner of Community Development at the City of Tempe, presented on Character Area 1, Papago Park/North Tempe. Please see attached presentation.

The Dot.ocracy survey is open from May 11th to June 30th and can be accessed at <https://characterareas.tempe.gov/pages/areal>. Those interested in a further conversation can email Mr. Adhikari at ambika_adhikari@tempe.gov.

Mr. Mitnik asked if the Dot.ocracy survey will be limited to only residents of Character Area 1. Mr. Adhikari advised that the survey is open to any Tempe residents who are interested. Mr. Mitnik asked how the survey will be representative of the community if it is voted on by people who do not live in the area. Mr. Adhikari stated that social media and other outreach efforts are targeted specifically to residents of the Character Area. Mr. Adhikari continued that the input received is typically from residents of the area, and from Character Area Neighborhood and Commission meetings that are attended by City staff. Mr. Mitnik asked if the online survey will ask for residency status. Mr. Adhikari responded that while there is a question regarding residency, it is left optional for privacy reasons.

Mr. Mitnik stated that the noise issue in Character Area 1 has come across in several meetings and seems to be related to traffic flow requirements, however, it does not seem that the issue came up in many of the comments. Mr. Adhikari advised that the issue of noise was raised in the first virtual meeting. The points in the presentation were based on number of people who discussed the topic in the surveys. The issue of noise has come up and based on what other feedback is received from the Commission and the public, one or two principles regarding noise can be included.

Agenda Item 5 – Meeting Type

Dr. Kay advised that the Clerk's Office states that for the time being, the City is obligated to operate in a hybrid format. Until further notice, meetings will be held with in-person and virtual options. Those who wish to attend in person will be able to join at Tempe City Hall, 3rd Floor Conference Room, 31 East Fifth Street Tempe, AZ 85281. The virtual option will be held via Microsoft Teams, with meeting information sent out with the agenda.

Agenda Item 6 - Commissioners' Business

1. Ms. Poole has expressed an interest in July being the month that is skipped for the next meeting. Ms. Apple seconded. Mr. Mitnik, Mr. Kucharski, and Ms. Walker stated that they did not have a preference and were fine with July being the month skipped.
2. Mr. Mitnik agreed to have comment on the Bulletin during this meeting. Mr. Doiron stated that it would be best if the bulletin was shortened in length. A Commissioner asked who the intended audience for the bulletin will be, and where it is planned to be published. Mr. Mitnik advised that the intended audience is the general public. Mr. Doiron suggested publishing on both the website and in Tempe Today. Mr. Mitnik stated that the intent is to raise public awareness and understanding of what the TAVCO Commission does and to offer ways for the public to get engaged. Mr. Doiron suggested that Ms. Apple and himself, as well as any other Commissioners interested, make revisions which can be compared and condensed until a final version is agreed upon. Dr. Kay stated that the final version published in Tempe Today will be a condensed version of what is published on the website.
3. Mr. Carraway asked what the City can do about arrivals, especially southwest arrivals. Mr. Carraway continued that the matter still needs to be addressed with the City of Phoenix. Mr. Doiron advised that there is a letter that was composed several years ago to the City of Phoenix and stated that he will find the letter to share with the Commission. It will be added to the August meeting's agenda to review and send the letter regarding arrivals to the City of Phoenix.

4. Ms. Poole asked that it be added to the August meeting agenda to have a conversation about national efforts to address arrivals. Ms. Poole would like to understand what the efforts have been, and what has made them successful or unsuccessful, and why. Mr. Doiron stated that he can present on this, as well as exploring the conversation about Government involvement in these issues, such as having a Noise Abatement Office. Mr. Doiron gave some background on previous actions regarding noise from arrivals stating that the FAA gave the Commission specific information to put on the letter to send in. The letter was then sent to City Council who took it to the Attorneys. By the time the Attorneys completed their revisions, it had changed so much that the FAA did not accept the letter. This time the Commission will not go through the same avenue and will work towards an alternative.

Agenda Item 7 – Schedule next TAVCO meeting

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for August 10th, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. with an in-person option at Tempe City Hall, 3rd Floor Conference Room, 31 East Fifth Street Tempe, AZ 85281, and a virtual option via Microsoft Teams.

Agenda Item 8 – Adjournment

Motion: Mr. Mitnik moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carraway.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Prepared by: Haven Bills

Reviewed by: