

Minutes

Tempe Aviation Commission

August 10, 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 August 10, 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 J. Apple
W. David Doiron
Ellen Poole
Desiree Walker
Stuart Mitnik
Peter Schelstraete
Ed Kucharski
John Lynch

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Lane Carraway

Citizens Present:

Jordan D Feld

City Staff Present:

Andy Escobar, Sustainability Office, City of Tempe
Braden Kay, Sustainability Office, City of Tempe

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Mr. Doiron called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances

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Agenda Item 3 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes (June 8, 2021)

Mr. Doiron asked if anyone had considerations of minutes such as discrepancies or corrections.

Motion: Mr. Kucharski moved to approve the minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Ms. Walker.

Action: The motion to approve was passed by a majority vote. Ayes: Ms. Apple, Mr. Doiron, Ms. Poole, Mr. Walker, Mr. Mitnik, Mr. Kucharski, Mr. Lynch. Nays: None. Abstentions: Mr. Schelstraete. Absent: Mr. Carraway

Agenda Item 4 – City of Phoenix Aviation Planning discussion

Jordan D. Feld presented an update on Sky Harbor Airport's master planning activities. The presentation was done verbally and no presentation material was used.

Mr. Feld proceeded to speak about his last presentation that covered the airport's comprehensive asset management plan about the 20-year growth plan for the airport. The plan was adopted in 2019 and the airport set out on implementing the plan. The plan was

stalled due to fiscal uncertainties caused by the Covid pandemic. Mr. Feld continued to explain the current situation and priorities of the plan. Priorities include the west cross field taxiway, growing the terminal core area and completing an environmental assessment.

Mr. Feld explained that the draft environmental assessment that will be shared with the public has been delayed to the end of 2021. The airport has received a grant to build an overpass on 24th Street and has been granted extension to use the funds by one year due to Covid. Mr. Feld's team is also doing internal review and revalidation of their master plan. The revalidation of camp will not result in major changes to the projects but will probably fast track the airfield and terminal improvements while sidelining other issues.

Mr. Feld opened the floor to questions and comments.

- Mr. Doiron asked for a copy of the environmental assessment report once it is made public.
 - Mr. Feld affirmed he would.
- Mr. Doiron asked a question about the characteristics of the overpass on 24th Street.
 - Mr. Feld clarified on the design of the overpass on 24th street.
- Mr. Kucharski asked if Mr. Feld mentioned an air guard ramp expansion in his presentation.
 - Mr. Feld clarified that in order to accommodate larger, newer aircraft the air guard would need to be expanded by at least 28 acres and that the cargo hub would need to be relocated to a new cargo complex to allow for that expansion.
- Mr. Kucharski asked if the original plan of moving the cargo operators to Gateway is no longer happening.
 - Mr. Feld explained that project priorities continue to change and that the airport will continue to strategically approach problems.
- Mr. Lynch asked how the air force is paying for these airport changes.
 - Mr. Feld explained that air force evaluates several factors that go into these changes.
- Mr. Lynch asked about the added noise caused by reserved tankers and Sky Harbor's role in that.
 - Mr. Feld explained that diversity is good for the airport but these decisions lie with the air force.
- Mr. Doiron asked about the frequency of operations by the Boeing KC-135 compared to civilian operations.
 - Mr. Feld stated that it is 15,000 operations compared to 500,000 civilian operations.
- Ms. Poole asked if the removal of green vegetation to make room for expansion a concrete space is being reconsidered or if data is being reevaluated.
 - Mr. Feld explained that they will have to make sure to meet NEPA requirements and is unsure how that concern fits into the environmental assessment.

Agenda Item 5 – Commissioner's Business

Mr. Mitnik asked how the commission will approach a certain topic enclosed in one of Mr. Doiron's email and if it could be added to the agenda in a future meeting. Ms. Walker and Ms. Poole reiterated the same thoughts as Mr. Mitnik. Dr. Kay suggested to not move the conversation forward until the topic was officially added to the agenda. The commission agreed to revisit the topic in the next meeting.

Ayes: Ms. Apple, Mr. Doiron, Ms. Poole, Mr. Walker, Mr. Mitnik, Mr. Kucharski, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Schelstraete. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: Mr. Carraway

Agenda Item 6 – Schedule Next TAVCO Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for September 15th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. as a virtual option via Microsoft Teams.

Agenda Item 7 – 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. Doiron, Ms. Poole, Mr. Walker, Mr. Mitnik, Mr. Kucharski, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Schelstraete. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: Mr. Carraway

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Prepared by: Andy Escobar

Reviewed by: