



Minutes Tempe Aviation Commission July 10, 2012

Minutes of the Tempe Aviation Commission meeting held on July 10, 2012, 6:30 p.m., at the Public Works Conference Room, Garden Level, City Hall Complex, 31 E. Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Sally Clements
Shannon Dutton
Amy Fish (Chair)
Gordon Gauss
Karyn Gitlis
Alyson Star (via telephone conference call)
David Swanson

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Tara Ellman (Excused)
Barbara Sherman (Excused)
Pamela Wessel (Excused)

City Staff Present:

Oddvar Tveit, Environmental Quality
Specialist

Meeting convened at 6:35 p.m.

Amy called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

There were no public appearances.

Agenda Item 3 – Updates from Staff

Three vacancies on the Commission had been filled, and two new members present, Gordon and Shannon, introduced themselves and were welcomed to the Commission by the other members.

The next PAUWG meeting was scheduled to take place on August 16th, 2012 at the North Tempe Multi Gen Center.

Agenda Item 2 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes (June 12, 2012)

Karyn moved to approve the minutes. Dave seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 4 – Invitation to Hugh Hallman

Staff informed the members about responses from the city media relations and historic museum management about the requested inquiry into video and voice taping of an event where the previous Mayor and Councilmember had been invited to talk about Tempe's history with the PHX airport. The members discussed how to make it into a public event and the option of having an educational video made to preserve the valuable insights of Hugh Hallman and perhaps also other public officials that had been involved with the airport issues. They agreed

to recommend that staff invites representatives from city media relations and community services to come and talk to the members about the options the Commission could pursue.

Agenda Item 5 – New Web Survey Options

The members expressed their experiences with the new city web site and expressed that it required some drilling down into several menu options to find information about the Tempe Aviation Commission. The reasons behind the initiative to periodically conduct surveys or polls on impacts of aviation were discussed, and staff explained the options available to get attention to and have citizens participate and give feedback on surveys posted on the web in addition to the option of filing complaints when annoyed about aircraft noise events. Shannon suggested how to group responders according to impact zones and compare zones to traffic flow quarterly in different areas of the city. The target populations for the survey could change from quarter to quarter and survey questions could solicit responses relative to the times of day residents are at home, at work, at school, or involved in recreational activities in different areas of the city. The objective would be to identify what made them unhappy about the air traffic and what possibly could be done about it. To inform about periodic surveys in the list server would also help with survey participation. Sally added that questions could also be directed towards types of air traffic, e.g. news helicopter or military jet operations. The members agreed to individually come up with questions and a format for a web survey, with the purpose of discussing the topic further at the meeting in September.

Agenda Item 6 – Review of task list

The members reviewed the list of initiatives by the Commission to get updated about their status. Follow up: Staff would provide the members with the preferred alternative for the City of Phoenix Tempe Salt River Reach project. Amy suggested revisiting the Energy Conservation Code/Arlington Heights code initiative at the meeting task list review.

Agenda Item 7 – Commissioners' Business (topics for future discussion)

In addition to continuing the discussion of the web survey options, Karyn recommended that the members check out the www.tempe.gov/aircraftnoise. She also suggested that the commission discuss how to get information about aviation issues to the new member on the city council, and communication between the mayors on issues that could benefit both the Tempe community and the airport.

Agenda Item 8 – Schedule next TAVCO meeting

The next meeting was scheduled to September 11, 2012.

Agenda Item 9 – Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Prepared by: Oddvar Tveit

Reviewed by: Don Hawkes

Authorized Signature
Deputy Public Works Director - Water Utilities