



Minutes Tempe Aviation Commission September 11, 2012

Minutes of the Tempe Aviation Commission meeting held on September 11, 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
Tara Ellman*
Amy Fish (Chair)*
Gordon Gauss
Barbara Sherman (Vice Chair)*
Alyson Star
Pamela Wessel
David Swanson
*Participation via teleconference

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Karyn Gitlis (Excused)

City Staff Present:

Amy Douglass, Tempe History
Museum Manager
Oddvar Tveit, Environmental Quality
Specialist

Citizens Present:

Bianca Repasi

Meeting convened at 6:30 p.m.
Dave called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

Bianca Repasi introduced herself to the members.

Agenda Item 2 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes (July 10, 2012)

Gordon moved to approve the minutes. Shannon seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by six members voting for approval and two members abstaining.

Agenda Item 4 – Invitation to Hugh Hallman

Staff addressed how the initiative had been followed up upon advice from the city media relations and the resulting invitation to the history museum director to talk about how to get a recording done. Amy explained about the museum's oral history program and members explained that the Commission would like to have a recording of Hugh Hallman's account of the history with Sky Harbor for future members and for the public at large. Barbara asked if the museum could host an event about the airport that includes noise pollution. Alyson suggested approaching the ASU Walter Cronkite School of Journalism to determine if a videotaped recording of an event with Hugh Hallman could be set up as a student project. The members discussed the appropriate framing of the event with or without student assistance. They agreed that before going ahead with a voice recording, staff should research the feasibility of involving the school to get the event recorded on video.

Agenda Item 3 – Updates from Staff

Commissioner Appointments: The Mayor appointed Mark Garrigan to the Commission, which means that all TAVCO vacancies have been filled.

City ordinance 2012.35: The new ordinance gives city boards and commissions authority to establish subcommittees on certain conditions. One of the requirements is that the Commission needs to explain to the City Council the reasons why a subcommittee would advance the purpose of the Commission. A subcommittee would also have to fully comply with requirements in the Open Meeting Law.

Agenda Item 5 – New Web Survey Options

Staff presented a couple of examples of airport noise surveys found on the net made on a template similar to what is available to staff. The new web gives staff a tool to poll opinions and concerns on airport related issues. It could help the Commission to collect background information for decisions on what recommendations to make the Mayor and Council. The members presented ideas on questions to ask about aircraft noise, and how it could be set up either as a standing survey or an annual survey. Should residents be able to respond to survey questions after experiencing a specific event or should the objective be to get general comments from residents once a year? It was emphasized that it is difficult for residents to find the places on the city web where noise topics are posted. The members asked staff questions about the inclusion of aircraft noise web complaints to the Tempe 311 service, and discussed how a survey tool could supplement the residents' communication options with the city. Staff was asked about the listserv and requested to display relevant pages on the city web site with the inclusion of a draft survey template at the next meeting.

Agenda Item 6 – Review of task list

Staff updated new members on the City of Phoenix Tempe reach initiative, and the Commission's interest in city's code upgrades to the latest version of the international energy code.

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

A discussion on whether or not to recommend that the Mayor and Council send a letter to the delegation in Washington D.C. regarding the initiative to prohibit airlines from participating in the EU Emission Trading Scheme (ETS).

Agenda Item 8 – Schedule next TAVCO meeting

The next meeting was scheduled to October 9, 2012.

Agenda Item 9 – Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Prepared by: Oddvar Tveit

Reviewed by: Don Hawkes

Authorized Signature
Deputy Public Works Director - Water Utilities