



Minutes Tempe Aviation Commission June 18, 2013

Minutes of the Tempe Aviation Commission meeting held on June 18, 2013, 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
Mark Garrigan
Gordon Gauss
Karyn Gitlis
Alyson Star
David Swanson (Chair)

MEMBERS) Absent:

Barbara Sherman (Vice Chair)
(Excused)

Citizens Present:

Sheri Erskine
Zac Erskine
Parker Jones
Rowan Tredway

City Staff Present:

Nancy Ryan, Project Management Coordinator
Oddvar Tveit, Environmental Quality Specialist

Meeting convened at 6:35 p.m.

Dave called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

There were no public appearances.

Agenda Item 2 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes (May 14, 2013)

Sally moved to approve the minutes. Gordon seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Agenda Item 3 – General Plan 2040

Nancy Ryan talked to the members about why the city is required by Arizona law to prepare a comprehensive and long term plan to be adopted every ten years. Some of the elements of the current 2030 plan will be continued. Future visions for Tempe received from the community are: A city that has livability, is visually attractive, multimode accessible, with revitalized neighborhoods and parks, and has quality of life attributes that attract residents, businesses and a city that serves a diverse, vibrant and engaged community. She presented the five guiding principles that initiated the work by the GP 2040 Community Working Group to develop the plan: Balanced land use, enhanced quality of life and preservation of neighborhood character, increased economic vitality, sustained mobility/ greater accessibility, sustainability and environmental stewardship.

The plan has six chapters where required elements and additionally desired elements are included. New in the GP 2040: Inclusion of urban living, the “20 minute city”, where you can walk or bike to reach all your daily needs. Create additional hubs of activity within city growth areas. Implement complete street strategies to include all modes of transportation. Fill gaps in the connecting network with walkways, bikeways and open space. Include new options for high capacity transit, and new sections in floodplain management, library, museum, courts and education. Nancy presented each of the six chapters: The land use and development chapter, the economic development chapter, the circulation chapter, the conservation chapter, the open space, recreational and cultural amenities chapter, and the public services and facilities chapter. The projected growth in population for 2040 is 217,000 and the employment is projected to 244,000. As contrasts, the population projection for 2010 was 161,000 and the employment projection was 169,000. Maps of the population, employment and housing unit growth projections were explained to the members. Nancy concluded her presentation by explaining the process ahead with public hearing meetings scheduled for August 1st, and 3rd to encourage comment on the draft plan. The city Development Review Committee will be reviewing the plan in October before the plan goes to City Council in November 2013.

The members asked questions about city influence on ASU's plans and ASU's ability to independently get university land developed. Questions were also asked about how the population density projections for the plan were made. Members expressed concerns about projected density increases in north Tempe under or close to Sky Harbor flight paths. Nancy explained how projected density is mapped in the plan, showing populations inside census tracts. The location and heights of buildings will vary inside the projected population growth areas. Link: <http://www.tempe.gov/modules/showdocument.aspx?documentid=18733>.

Agenda Item 4 – Commissioners’ Business (topics for future discussion)

Staff informed the members about a copy of a memo received from the TAVCO vice chair about her initiative to get Tempe and Phoenix officials to discuss a common standard of measuring how well airlines comply with the 4-DME instrument departure procedure over Tempe. It was suggested that the commission discuss the draft General Plan 2040 at the earliest opportunity after it has been published on-line. Staff would coordinate a briefing on the upcoming update to the 2012 International Energy Efficiency Code.

Agenda Item 5 – Schedule next TAVCO meeting

The next meeting was scheduled to July 9, 2013.

Agenda Item 6 – Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

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Reviewed by: Lorinda Bush

Authorized Signature
Interim Deputy Public Works Director - Water Utilities