



## Minutes Tempe Aviation Commission October 11, 2016

Minutes of the Tempe Aviation Commission meeting held on October 11, 2016, 6:30 p.m., at the Public Works Conference Room, Garden Level, City Hall Complex, 31 E. Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona.

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Lane Carraway  
Robert Dixon  
Shannon Dutton  
Gordon Gauss (Vice-Chair)  
Mark Garrigan  
John Q. Nunes  
Mike Sonenberg

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

David Naugle (Excused)

**Citizens Present:**

Joseph Koopman

**City Staff Present:**

Cassandra Mac, *Management Assistant I*  
Oddvar Tveit, *Environmental Quality Specialist*

**Meeting convened at 6:30 p.m.**

Chair Lane Carraway called the meeting to order, and thanked members that attended and staff for their contributions at make the October 5, 2016 public work shop.

**Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances**

There were no public appearances.

**Agenda Item 2 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes (September 13, 2016)**

Lane Carraway asked for comments to the drafted minutes, and a motion to approve.

**Motion:** Mr. John Q. Nunes moved to approve the draft September minutes. The motion was seconded by Robert Dixon.

**Action:** The September meeting minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

**Agenda Item 3 – Update from Staff**

*The SoCal Metroplex.* The City of Phoenix has notified Tempe staff about adjustments on two PHX Standard Instrument Departures (SIDs) that have a common navigation point over south Tempe. The changes will be implemented in March 2017, and is a product of the FAA's "[SoCal Metroplex](#)" project, which goal is to make routing at several airports in south California more efficient by applying new technology. Tempe has voiced concerns about how the FAA is processing flight procedure initiatives under the NextGen program. Tempe staff is evaluating the information received from the City of Phoenix.

**Agenda Item 4 – October 5, 2016 Public Meeting Evaluation**

1. *Meeting Review:* Cassandra Mac thanked the Chair and the members that were present and helped at the tables to answer questions. Fifty-nine residents signed the participation roster, but not all did sign in and some were families where only one person signed in.

**Discussions:** What to change or improve for future public meetings:

- Mailing out the meeting notice and comment post cards a bit earlier for residents to have two weeks advanced notice.
- Include a separate eye-catching announcement flyer in the Tempe Today newsletter.
- Include invitations to Tempe Councilmembers and airlines, e.g. American and Southwest public relations representatives.
- Check if Tempe Communication and Media relations can live stream the next public meeting.
- Include airport operations basics introductory in presentation and on posters, e.g. why planes take off into the winds, why tower vector planes, why planes sometimes were off the normal paths, and include a blurb about a basic topic in each aviation newsletter.
- Include a video depiction of how planes typically descend and ascend to and from PHX using three dimensional flight track data.
- Display larger map posters, one of north and one south Tempe, where people can pin the location of their home, and have a transparent to show the location's proximity to officially named flight paths.
- Investigate the possibility of establishing a site, "tavco.org" or other options to give residents an electronic portal for making suggestions for what they like to have addressed at an aviation public meeting.
- Have clearer instructions on how to download the smart phone app, and check if it is possible to have app complains go to both cities.
- Try a different meeting format. Invite a panel of higher up officials from the FAA, the airlines and the airport with a moderator to simplify the technical issues for the public.
- Keep the meeting location at the History Museum

**Follow up:** All comments received from the public will be provided in a memo to the Commission. It will be made accessible on city web site with the presentations.

2. *Newsletter:*

Questions received at the meeting that could be addressed in a newsletter Q & A section:

- Why no outreach to realtors selling property in south Tempe about the flight corridors?
- Why not having a joint Tempe/Phoenix system for making aircraft noise complaints?
- Why have no (visible) improvements been made to the PHX noise monitoring system in north Tempe?
- Can citizens write letters to support Tempe's aviation issues?

**Discussions:**

- Make it possible for residents to signing up to receive the newsletter on the Tempe web.
- In addition to having a Q & A section, include aviation fundamentals, acronyms, and future topics citizens would like be addressed at an aviation meeting.
- The City of Phoenix should be offered to have a section in the newsletter.

**Follow up:** A recommendation to staff to plan a first January 2017 quarterly newsletter, to be distributed to the citizens who signed up during the October 5, 2016 public meeting, and others in Tempe who are concerned and would be interested in receiving a newsletter.

**Agenda Item 5 – Annual Report**

An updated draft report was handed out the commissioners.

**Discussions:** The members reviewed the proposed goals for the next year and suggested that what to list also depended on the recommendations from the noise abatement subcommittee.

**Follow up:** Members would individually make any additional comments on the draft to staff before the next meeting.

**Agenda Item 6 – Commissioners’ business**

Report on recommendations from the noise abatement subcommittee for discussion and possible action.

**Agenda Item 7 – Schedule Next TAVCO Meeting**

**Action:** The next meeting was scheduled for November 8, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

**Agenda Item 8 – Adjournment**

**Motion:** Mr. John Q Nunes moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Mike Sonenberg seconded the motion.

**Action:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. by unanimous vote.

Prepared by: Oddvar Tveit and Cassandra Mac

Reviewed by: David McNeil

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Authorized Signature  
Environmental Services Manager