



Minutes Tempe Aviation Commission Noise Abatement Subcommittee February 8, 2017

Minutes of the Tempe Aviation Commission Noise Abatement Subcommittee meeting held on February 8, 2017, 6:00 p.m., at the Eisendrath House SRP Water Education Facility, 1400 N. College Ave, Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Lane Carraway
Robert Dixon
Shannon Dutton
John Q. Nunes
Michael Sonenberg

Citizens Present

Jeff Darge

City Staff Present:

Oddvar Tveit, *Environmental Quality Specialist*

Meeting convened at 6:04 p.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes (January 4, 2017)

Motion: Mr. Robert Dixon moved to approve the drafted January meeting minutes. Mr. John Q. Nunes seconded the motion.

Action: The January 2017 meeting minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 2 – Questions about PHX Operations

Discussions: The members made the following suggestions:

- Questions should relate to the implementation of NextGen procedures at PHX and why area navigation (RNAV) and Required Navigation Performance flight procedures still seem only partially implemented considering how airlines currently fly over Tempe.
- Questions can be separated into how PHX is operated by PHX TRACON and Tower and how PHX operations compare to similar sized hubs in the western district.
- Helicopter operations at PHX, relating to preferred altitudes and pathways to and from PHX inside Class B airspace, are typically managed through standardized clearances for Visual Flight Rules (VFR) operations. Altitudes used by helicopter operators vary with type and phase of flight, e.g. the SRP helicopter flying in or out of the Crosscut heliport.

Action: Chair Lane Carraway and Mr. Robert Dixon encouraged members to send questions to staff, preferably by February 15, 2017 so that a question package can be distributed by staff before the February 21, 2017 meeting.

Agenda Item 3 – Low Flying Helicopters

A map was shown to the members that depicted radar tracks from unknown and known helicopter operators between January 1, 2017 and February 7, 2017 that accessed the PHX north general aviation hangar area and the Fixed Base Operator (FBO) area on the south side of the airport. The map included operations by the Salt River Project's Bell 212 between PHX and the SRP Crosscut heliport. Investigation of helicopter noise complaints are often problematic because the general transponder (squawk) code that is assigned to many helicopters does not identify the operator.

Action: The discussion of the flight track data resulted in the following recommendation to staff: Develop separate maps with identifiable tracks from operations by news helicopters, the SRP helicopter, and medical transport helicopters, with a zoomed-in focus to show neighborhoods.

Agenda Item 4 – Schedule Next Meeting

The next subcommittee meeting was scheduled to Wednesday, March 8, 2017 to revisit the establishment of a multi-jurisdictional noise abatement office for further discussion and possible action.

Agenda Item 5 – Adjournment

Motion: Mr. Robert Dixon moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. John Q. Nunes seconded the motion.

Action: The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

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Reviewed by: David McNeil

Authorized Signature
Environmental Services Manager