



Minutes Tempe Aviation Commission April 11, 2017

Minutes of the Tempe Aviation Commission meeting held on April 11, 2017, 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 (Chair)
Robert Dixon
Shannon Dutton
W. David Doiron
Gordon Gauss (Vice-Chair)
David Naugle
John Q. Nunes
Tim Teserio

Guests Present

Brett Nadler, *Airspace & Noise Planner II, City of Phoenix*

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.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

There were no public appearances.

Agenda Item 2 – Introductions

Chair Lane Carraway welcomed the new commissioners who introduced themselves to the attendees. The Aviation Commission has one vacancy due to Michael Sonenberg's resignation.

Agenda Item 3 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes (February 21, 2017)

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

Motion: Mr. David Naugle moved to approve the drafted minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Robert Dixon.

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

6:40 p.m.: David Naugle left the meeting.

Agenda Item 4 – Update from the Noise Abatement Subcommittee

Mr. John Q. Nunes introduced the idea brought forward by the subcommittee for Tempe to create its own Noise Abatement Office (NAO) as a first step to get support for a multi-jurisdictional body to address noise from PHX operations.

Cassandra Mac presented a discussion matrix for the members that included questions regarding the need and the goals. The members discussed the following:

1. What is the issue that is trying to be resolved?
 - The unnecessary noise from aircraft.

- Tempe and its citizens have no input on local airspace projects under NextGen.
 - Lack of open communication.
2. How would the NAO differ from what is currently being done with the time and resources the City of Tempe devotes to aviation?
- The NAO staff would be in position to address issues upfront by having a direct line of communication with FAA locally and officials in the region.
 - Quicker action from Tempe with more power behind those actions
3. What is currently lacking?
- Accountability for airlines to be a good neighbor and follow fly friendly procedures.
 - Action on part of the airport to advance fly friendly programs.
 - Make sure time-sensitive topics acted on by the commission get expediently processed.
 - It is a slow and cumbersome process to invite FAA representatives to TAVCO to provide updates that may concern Tempe.
 - Due to the monthly frequency of commission meetings, it can be too late for the commission to act shared information. Communication to the members between meetings is an issue.
4. What are the goals of a NAO?
- To represent the voice of citizens and provide knowledge about airspace and procedure issues to help the commission and the city provide timely input to the federal agency about noise issues pertinent to quality of life in Tempe.
 - This Tempe-NAO is a temporary solution. In the long run, the commissioners want to see City of Phoenix funding a multi-jurisdictional noise office with paid staff.
5. What are the job duties?
- The volunteer staff would keep the city and the commissioners current on what is going on with the FAA, and what the airlines are working on that could impact operations at PHX.

Motion: Mr. Robert Dixon moved to table further discussion of the topic until the subcommittee can present a recommendation about how to proceed. The questions with comments made by the commission should be forwarded by staff to the members of the subcommittee. The motion was seconded by Mr. John Q. Nunes.

Action: The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 5 – Commissioners’ Business

- Potential recommendation from the Noise Abatement Subcommittee.
- Report on the Phoenix plan to conduct temporary monitoring.
- Staff update on the FAA privatization and, when available, the outcome of the FAA’s US civil aircraft noise and annoyance survey.
- Individual members thoughts on what they are charged to do as commissioners.

Agenda Item 6 – Schedule Next TAVCO Meeting

Action: The next meeting was scheduled for May 9, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda Item 7 – Adjournment

Motion: Mr. Gordon Gauss moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Robert Dixon seconded the motion.

Action: The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. by a unanimous vote.

Prepared by: Oddvar Tveit and Cassandra Mac

Reviewed by: David McNeil