



Minutes Tempe Aviation Commission June 13, 2017

Minutes of the Tempe Aviation Commission meeting held on June 13, 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)
John Q. Nunes
Tim Teserio

(Members) Absent:

David Naugle (Excused)

Guests Present

Councilmember Joel Navarro
Councilmember Kolby Granville

City Staff Present:

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 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes (May 9, 2017)

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

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

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

Agenda Item 4 – Noise Abatement Office (NAO) proposal

Mr. John Q. Nunes presented a memo on behalf of the Noise Abatement Subcommittee that highlighted the projected savings for the airline industry as a main objective for NextGen, and the following issues are unresolved pertaining to NextGen's implementation:

1. Accountability to ensure that procedures are followed and deviations are addressed to reduce or eliminate unnecessary noise exposure on residents.
2. Engagement with the public to disseminate information about the FAA's implementation of airspace actions to improve NextGen routing of aircraft and to fully implement NextGen for the PHX Metroplex.

The subcommittee has proposed the establishment of a Noise Abatement Office (NAO) where Tempe invites the neighboring cities of Chandler, Mesa, Scottsdale and Phoenix to create an office that have authority to actively engage with the FAA's Air Traffic Organization locally and regionally to address the unresolved issues.

Discussions:

1. City participation in regional aviation forums:
 - When the FAA put the Phoenix Metroplex officially on hold December 11, 2015, the agency sent letters to airport operators and some municipalities in the east valley that do not own or operate airport facilities themselves about the decision and that they would be contacted by the FAA when the planning of the PHX Metroplex resumes. Tempe was not among the municipalities notified, because Tempe is not represented on the Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport Authority (PMGAA). Tempe has asked to become a NextGen stakeholder, but as municipality without an airport or a share in the operation of Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport, Tempe has been notified as has the general public about the FAA's intent to conduct an Environmental Assessment of the alternatives that PHX Metroplex plan will include.
 - Tempe has participated in a regional forum for aviation planning as member of Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG). MAG received a grant from the FAA in 2002 to update the MAG Regional Aviation System Plan (RASP). The grant was used to develop a preferred development alternative for valley airports for the 2005- 2025 planning period. MAG inquired the FAA about conducting an airspace study to help assess the feasibility of implementing the preferred development alternative, but when the FAA decided not to support such a comprehensive study, the grant was closed out.
 - Tempe has supported the Phoenix Airspace Users Working Group (PAUWG) by hosting their quarterly meetings and has been able to get upfront knowledge of what the local TRACON is working on in return. With this knowledge, staff has been able to facilitate attendance by local FAA officials to talk to the Aviation Commission about upcoming procedure changes, like area navigation (RNAV) SIDs implemented in September 2015.
2. It appears that the typical community roundtable has representation from surrounding communities and the airport administrations have a pivotal role in running them.
3. The communities on both sides of PHX need to be continuously informed about airport and air traffic issues after the Phoenix lawsuit is over. Tempe is in a better position than Phoenix to propose the idea of creating a NAO to its neighboring cities.
4. The term "office" was suggested by the subcommittee to emphasize the need for close and sustained communication with the parts of the FAA and the airport that are involved in air traffic and airport operation planning.
5. Roundtables are often set up with a subcommittee structure to deal with specific airport programs.

Motion: Mr. John Q. Nunes moved to have the subcommittee use the memo to draft a proposal to Mayor and Council to be decided upon by the full commission. Mr. W. David Doiron seconded the motion.

Action: The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 3 – Staff Update

- Oddvar Tveit announced that from now on, he is the sole liaison for commission meetings. He will be reporting aviation and commission issues to his supervisor, Justin Bern, in addition to air quality. This will improve his supervisor's awareness of his workload and allow prioritization of aviation and commission work as needed up to a full time position.
- The roles and responsibilities of board and commission liaisons was included in the meeting handouts to point out that staff's role is to provide facts and figures and to follow up on requests made to help the commission reach its goals. It is not appropriate for staff or the supervisory chain of command to take a position on any matter under deliberation and decision by the commission. He urged the members to bring concerns about staff not showing the necessary impartiality to his attention.

Agenda Item 5 – Noise Abatement Subcommittee beyond July 12, 2017

Chair Lane Carraway had prepared a draft notification regarding the creation of a new subcommittee to discuss noise abatement, after the subcommittee sunsets on July 12, 2017. The wording of its purpose was discussed.

Motion: Ms. Shannon Dutton moved to create a new subcommittee with the purpose of continuing a discussion of establishing framework for a Noise Abatement Office, consisting of the following members: Mr. Lane Carraway, Mr. Robert Dixon, Ms. Shannon Dutton, Mr. John Q. Nunes and Mr. Tim Teserio. Mr. John Q. Nunes seconded the motion.

Action: The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 6 – Role as Commissioner

Environmental Quality Specialist Oddvar Tveit distributed a list requested by Chair Carraway of TAVCO's initiatives and displayed the section of the City Code that lists the powers and duties of the commission. He highlighted some of the commission's accomplishments and challenges. He also mentioned the annual reports where city boards and commissions report their accomplishments to the Mayor and Council.

Agenda Item 7 – Commissioners' Business

- Report from the subcommittee.
- Status of quarterly newsletter.
- The city drone ordinance public hearing.

Agenda Item 8 – Schedule Next TAVCO Meeting

Action: The next meeting was scheduled for July 11, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda Item 9 – Adjournment

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

Action: The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m. by a unanimous vote.

Prepared by: Oddvar Tveit

Reviewed by Justin Bern