

# Minutes Tempe Aviation Commission December 11, 2018

Minutes of the Tempe Aviation Commission meeting held on December 11, 2018, 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)
W. David Doiron
Shannon Dutton
Gordon Gauss
John Q. Nunes (Vice Chair) on call
Valeriy Khaldarov
Trevor Pan

### (MEMBERS) Absent:

Robert Dixon (Excused)
Peter Schelstraete (Excused)

#### **City Staff Present:**

Oddvar Tveit, Environmental Quality Specialist

#### Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order

Chair Lane Carraway called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

# Agenda Item 2 - Public Appearances

There were no public appearances.

# Agenda Item 3 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes (November 13, 2018)

Chair Lane Carraway asked for comments to the drafted November 13, 2018 meeting minutes, and a motion to approve. Mr. Valeriy Khaldarov suggested making an addition after the fourth bullet point under Agenda Item 5 to include his question about whether the users of the system could develop indicators to determine the reliability of the data the NOMS provide.

**Motion:** Ms. Shannon Dutton moved to approve minutes with the suggested addition. Mr. W. David Doiron seconded the motion.

**Action:** The drafted November minutes were approved as amended by a unanimous vote. Ayes: Chair Lane Carraway, Mr. W. David Doiron, Ms. Shannon Dutton, Mr. Gordon Gauss, Mr. John Q. Nunes, Mr. Valeriy Khaldarov and Mr. Trevor Pan. Abstentions: None. Nays: None. Absent: Mr. Robert Dixon and Mr. Peter Schelstraete.

#### Agenda Item 4 – Staff Update

Supplemental Budget Request for staffing a City Noise Abatement Office: Mr. Oddvar Tveit reported that the request is included among other supplemental budget requests developed by the Water Utilities Division. The 2019-2020 budget process has yet to start. Information about budget planning process dates are available online at <a href="https://www.tempe.gov/government/city-manager-s-office/budget/fiscal-year-2019-20-operating-and-capital-budget-planning">https://www.tempe.gov/government/city-manager-s-office/budget/fiscal-year-2019-20-operating-and-capital-budget-planning</a>.

FAA Community Involvement Process for PHX: The FAA has yet to publish dates and locations for the February and March 2019 public workshops for Step Two of the agency's agreement with the City Phoenix and the Historic Neighborhoods. City of Phoenix Deputy Aviation Director, Jordan Feld, has proposed to delay the update until the

Commission's meeting in January 2019. He has forwarded the commissions expressed request about at least one of the Step Two workshop be held in Tempe to his contact at the FAA ATO Western Service Center.

November 2018 PAUWG Meeting: Terminal 3 south concourse is planned to open on January 8, 2019, and the south runway is scheduled for repair sometime late spring 2019. Terminal 3 south, a 15-gate concourse will replace the previous pier structure; and the additional gates at the remodeled Terminal 3 will replace the gates at Terminal 2. The development of gate capacity on the south side along the center runway, mainly used for departing jet carrier aircraft, and the south runway, predominantly used for arriving aircraft, is of interest in terms of the impact on airport efficiency on busy days of the year. Somewhat lower number of operations at the smaller satellite airports were reported at the meeting, but the Phoenix Mesa Gateway Airport is expecting a good winter season with additional airlines and air travel destinations. The development of a new terminal complex east of the airport is still years away; the objective of this project is to find a new location for the ASR 9 radar, which still needs to be solved.

#### Agenda Item 5 –Advancing Noise Mitigation

Mr. Trevor Pan solicited the members opinion on discussing how Tempe and its residents could use their role as contributors to airline travel at PHX to get leverage in discussions regarding mitigating airport noise and other environmental impacts. There are dependencies between Tempe and PHX, but with information of the flight dollars contributed by the Tempe community, it could be easier for Tempe residents to be in a more persuasive position with both the airlines and the airport to have them consider the residents' needs.

#### Discussion:

- How we add value to the operation of the airport is of interest to Tempe.
- This is information that primarily could be conveyed to the airlines and their pilots.
- The problem is to get access and disseminate data on PHX travel to determine what Tempe contributes.
- Depending on the scheduling of FAA's workshops, Tempe should arrange a public meeting on its own to raise the topic of making noise complaints if nothing gets changed under Step Two of the community involvement agreement.
- Sending letters are better than noise complaints.
- The airport and the airlines will not consider any measures that could impact future economic growth.
- The potential to address airport noise with the newly elected Congressman from Phoenix, who was the Mayor when Phoenix was successful in challenging the federal court regarding changes to the west departure paths.
- Planes are getting quieter with significant advancements such as when turbojet engines were replaced by turbofan engines, which includes hush kits.

Mr. Trevor Pan asked and got responses from members about; City policies on real estate taxation, home values and owner occupancy under the PHX approach paths, real estate acquisition and home insulation done by the City of Phoenix under the PHX FAR Part 150 plans and programs, and the impact of exterior building designs on the propagation of sound energy.

#### **Conclusion:**

Mr. Trevor Pan will do further research with the Tempe Chamber of Commerce to find out what economic statistics are available regarding air travel and will confer with Tempe staff regarding city travel to city events.

# Agenda Item 6 – Nomination of Candidates for Officer Positions

Chair Lane Carraway asked for nominations of candidates for the office of Commission Chair for 2019. He was not to be nominated for reelection having served in the same capacity for three consecutive one-year terms. Mr. John Q. Nunes was nominated by Chair Lane Carraway. Mr. W. David Doiron was nominated by Ms. Shannon Dutton. Mr.

W. David Doiron declined to be nominated for the office of Commission Chair. The nominations for the office of Chair were closed with the nomination of John Q. Nunes as the only candidate. Chair Lane Carraway asked for nominations for the office of Vice-Chair for 2019. Mr. W. David Doiron nominated Ms. Shannon Dutton for the office of Commission Vice-Chair. Ms. Shannon Dutton nominated Mr. Gordon Gauss. The nominations for the office of Vice-Chair were closed with the nomination of the two candidates, Ms. Shannon Dutton and Mr. Gordon Gauss.

Elections will be held at the January 2019 meeting.

#### Agenda Item 7 – Commissioners' business

- Election of officers.
- Invitation to Jordan Feld, City of Phoenix Aviation Department Aviation Director for Planning & Environmental to give an update on the FAA Workshops and airport development plans and projects.
- Discussion of a separate aviation workshop by the City of Tempe.

# Agenda Item 8 – Schedule next TAVCO meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for January 8, 2019.

#### Agenda Item 9 – Adjournment

**Motion:** Ms. Shannon Dutton moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. W. David Doiron seconded the motion. **Action:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m. by a unanimous vote. Ayes: Chair Lane Carraway, Mr. W. David Doiron, Ms. Shannon Dutton, Mr. Gordon Gauss, Mr. John Q. Nunes, Mr. Valeriy Khaldarov and Mr. Trevor Pan. Abstentions: None. Nays: None. Absent: Mr. Robert Dixon and Mr. Peter Schelstraete.

Prepared by: Oddvar Tveit

Reviewed by: Justin Bern