

Minutes

Tempe Aviation Commission

April 12, 2022

Minutes of the Tempe Aviation Commission meeting - virtual Microsoft Teams meeting with call in +1 (480) 498-8745 United States, Phoenix (Toll) Conference ID: 243 160 897# held on April 12, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

(MEMBERS) Present:

W. David Doiron
Stuart Mitnik
Ellen Poole
Peter Schelstraete
Desiree Walker
John Lynch
Aaron McBride

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Karen Apple (excused)
Ed Kucharski (having technical difficulties)

Citizens Present:

None

City Staff Present:

Braden Kay, Sustainability and Resilience
Office, City of Tempe
Brienne Fisher, Sustainability and Resilience
Office, City of Tempe

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Mr. Doiron called the meeting to order at 6:32p.m.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances

Mr. Doiron asks if there are any members in the audience that has been able to make Microsoft Teams work. Ms. Fisher confirms no members of the public in attendance.

Agenda Item 3 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes (February 8, 2022)

Mr. Doiron asked if anyone had considerations of minutes such as discrepancies or corrections.

Motion: Vice Chair Lynch moved to approve minutes. The motion was seconded by Stuart Mitnik. Action: The motion to approve was passed by a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 4 – Selection of Officers:

Chair Doiron mentions that since his term as Chair has been during the pandemic, there has been a lot of things he wanted to that he was not able to and therefor would like another term of being Chair.

Vice Chair Lynch also comments that he would also like to continue to be Vice Chair for another term.

Mitnik states he went through the website, and he noticed that his term is up in Fall. He asks what happens at that point. He asks if he just falls of the roster and his position is filled.

Lynch responds by saying it depends on how long you have been serving. You can serve on two-three-year terms on TAVCO. Lynch said he is actually on a two-year term since he is “replacing” someone’s term.

Fisher states she can work with the Clerk’s Office to get clarification on where Mitnik is in his term.

Chair Doiron asks if anyone else has any other comments, concerns, or volunteers regarding the selection of officers.

McBride motions that Lynch continues as Vice Chair. Mitnik seconds. Ayes: Mitnik, Schelstraete, McBride, Walker, Doiron, and Lynch. Nays: None. Absent: Kucharski and Poole.

Mitnik motions that Doiron continues as Chair. McBride seconds. Ayes: Doiron, Walker, Mitnik, Lynch, and McBride. Nays: none. Absent: Kucharski and Poole.

Agenda Item 5 – Rio Salado Development presentation

Fisher states that Ryan Levesque from the Planning Division and the City of Tempe is present at the meeting to provide an overview of some of the recent developments along Rio Salado that has been mentioned in past meetings. Fisher also states that the Tempe City Council did have an Executive Session to discuss the Priest and Rio Salado potential Cayotes Stadium development. Fisher stated that there is still no information that can be shared on that specific site at this time.

Levesque starts by saying he will do an overview of two projects that TAVCO had an interest in – 250 Rio and South Pier.

Levesque visually displays site maps on 250 Rio development and discusses the following:

- Northeast corner of Rio Salado and 1st street
- Former Penny savers site
- 14 story office
- 6 stories of parking garage and remaining is office
- Involves acquisition of city receiving additional parking area

- Historic Ash Ave bridge abutment to the east
- Improved entry way into the public parking space at Beach Park
- Improves historic Ash Ave alignment opportunity to celebrate historic natural of bridge but incorporate veterans' memories of viewing deck
- North end of building has additional tower of office space
- 210 feet of total height
- Building orientation to be accessible on east elevation rather than west elevation where the street is.
- Not taking away any current surface parking at Beach Park

Vice Chair Lynch states this development isn't really in the flight line, is it? Levesque says the development is on the flight path.

Levesque says the development is still within review and likely public meetings in May.

Chair Doiron asks if anyone has any questions. There is none.

South Pier at Tempe Town Lake Phase I

- Development Review Commission heard this case on Feb 22 and City Council already had a first read with second read happening in April
- Established agreement with city for city owned land
 - "Phase 1" is moving forward on the parcel that is not city owned.
- Lot 5 is entitled and about to start construction
- Lot 3 residential development they are preparing
- Currently a vacant recessed property site
- Several amendments to their past Master Plan development
- Max overall height was 310 feet
- Lot 6 specifically has three tower elements
- All three are residential with incorporating ground level retail
- Heights 236-259
- 724 residential units
 - 1129 studios; 391 one bedroom; 146 two bedrooms and 58 three bedrooms
- Boardwalk feel with splash pad and entertainments stage – all private developed and managed
- Within in the development agreement they are contemplating a future Ferris wheel.

Levesque asks if there are any questions. There are none.

Agenda Item 6 – Tempe Today Commission Communication

Chair Doiron asks if everyone had a chance to review the draft article. He states he would like to see an addition of the how to interact with the commission.

Lynch says just for some background, Mitnik drafted this article and Doiron and I made some edits and this collective effort is what you see here. I think we could definitely add the piece that Doiron mentions, and I am happy to help draft that section.

Chair Doiron asks if there are any other concerns or comments. There are none.

Vice Chair Lynch confirms that he will draft the discussed section and will send it to Fisher and Chair Doiron.

Agenda Item 8 – Commissioners Businesses

Chair Doiron says he has a “Flight Track Enforcement” presentation he would like to present in May that reviews why flights are flying over north Tempe more so than south Tempe.

Chair Doiron asks if there is anything else. There is no other comments.

Agenda Item 8 – Schedule Next TAVCO Meeting

The next meeting is proposed for Tuesday May 10 at 6:30pm.

Ellen Poole notes that she was having technical difficulties about joining the meeting. She wanted it noted in the minutes that she was able to attend.

Vice Chair Lynch moves to adjourn the meeting. Mitnik seconds. Ayes: Lynch, Doiron, Mitnik, Poole, Walker, McBride, and Schelstraete.

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Prepared by: Brianne Fisher