



Minutes Tempe Aviation Commission August 14, 2007

Minutes of the Tempe Aviation Commission meeting held on August 14, 2007, 6:30 p.m., at the Public Works Conference Room, Garden Level, City Hall Complex, 31 E. Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Shannon S. Bradley
Troy McCraw
Richard Pagoria
Gloria Regensberg
David Swanson
Duane Washkowiak (Chair)
Edwin R. Wiggington

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Bernard A. Eilers (Excused)
Sandeep Gopalan
Ross Meyer (Excused)
William Justus
Joseph Salvatore (Vice Chair)
Connie Thompson (Excused)

City Staff Present:

Oddvar Tveit, Environmental Quality
Specialist, Water Utilities
Department

Meeting convened at 6:35 p.m.

Duane Washkowiak called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

There were no public appearances.

Agenda Item 2 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes (July 17, 2007)

Duane solicited comments to having staff prepare shorter minutes in the future where staff only included a brief summary of the discussions and motions acted upon at the meeting. He opined that too much detail can have unintended consequences, for example that someone decides to use statements in a law suit or for litigation purposes. He received comments suggesting the benefits of having minutes from past meetings with enough detail for the members to go back and check on arguments and statements being made that can include important factual information. It was also argued that that the minutes should strike a balance where cogent points people make are included in addition to what is required by the Open Meeting Law. The discussion concluded by Duane recommending that members carefully review the draft minutes, compare them with their own notes or recollections of the proceedings to make sure important points made are included in the minutes, and that staff had the drafted shorter minutes distributed as soon as possible after the meeting for the members' review. He asked for a motion for approval of the minutes. Shannon moved to

approve the minutes, and the motion was seconded by Edwin. The minutes from the July meeting were unanimously approved.

Agenda Item 3 – Updates From Staff

RFQ for professional aviation noise and air quality analysis:

Oddvar informed the members that City staff had met with Wyle Laboratories Inc, representatives and associates on their proposal August 3, 2007 to get a presentation of qualifications and a discussion of the requested services outlined in the RFQ. Because there was only one proposal the decision was made to invite Wyle to come up with a scope of work, which the City received yesterday August 13, 2007. Tentatively staff had set a date for having something for the Council in September 2007, but before a final date can be set, staff needs to review and discuss the proposed scope and the related costs to focus in on what elements are needed to get the answers the City is looking for. He explained about how a combination of collecting data by measurements in the field and using modeling tools is applied to come up with reliable conclusions that could be used both for City development purposes and to assess the airport's noise monitoring system in Tempe. His response to questions from members:

- The cost of accepting what the firm had proposed. Oddvar indicated that cost could vary with options presented, and has yet to be determined what would end up being recommended to the Council.
- How to have it done independently from airport influence. Oddvar anticipated that the airport would cooperate in providing operational data and stated that access to and use of data would also be covered by agreement with Phoenix and the MOA with the FAA.
- How the RFQ for analysis of the noise monitoring system and the monitoring sites in Tempe was related to the Commission's recommendation for the City to do its own, independent run noise monitoring system, and how the consultant could document the adverse impact on the south side of the riverbed caused by third runway operations. Oddvar explained about the how the noise part of the RFQ came about and that the areas for conducting field monitoring of noise would focus in on where predominant flight paths are considering how the runways are being typically used today. Depending upon what conclusions an analysis of the noise monitoring system's ability to capture the aircraft noise impacts particularly as it relates to any changes caused by the third runway, they would appear in a final report that would be presented to the Council and the public. It remained to be seen if the City could make suggestions to the airport based on conclusions as to the adequacy of the monitoring currently in place and if noise modeling is included in the final scope, the noise imprint forecasts made in the airport's Part 150 for areas in north Tempe.

The members expressed that the airport needed to be convinced that there has been changes in the noise impacts because of the third runway, and that the lack of recognition of this as a fact by the airport and the lack of accountability from airlines that make the noise is frustrating.

Oddvar mentioned that PAUWG would meet the Thursday August 16th 2007 where the FAA likely would announce the final ruling on the Class B redesign. It includes expansions to the east that facilitates running ILS approaches to the north and south runway during present conditions with monsoon weather to improve regularity and capacity in terms of facilitating improved flow of traffic into Sky Harbor.

The members continued with a brief discussion of what the future focus of Commission should be. Mitigation was emphasized in view of information received at the last meeting

as to the airlines only responsibility is to have their fleets comply with noise certification standards and that nothing seems to be in place to motivate them to fly where they are supposed to. They agreed that the long term focus of the Commission has to be on a regional solution to ease future congestions at Sky Harbor. The air quality was also considered an important issue, and that the requested analysis could provide important information as to the combined effects of emissions from the airport and other sources in congested areas close to the airport.

Agenda Item 4 – Update From the City of Phoenix Aviation Department

There was nobody present representing the Aviation Department.

Agenda Item 6 – Letter to Arizona Republic Regarding Article on Noise Complaints

Duane solicited the members for any additional suggestions for changes to the letter. Receiving non he signed the letter included in the meeting handout for staff to send to the Arizona Republic.

Agenda Item 7 – Commissioners’ Business (topics for future discussion)

1. Rich suggested discussing with Phoenix, their sound mitigation in Tempe. Duane stated it was already on the September agenda, and encouraged the members to send staff any questions they might have to the Phoenix staff well in advance of the meeting to give them a chance to be prepared. Questions on what it takes to get multifamily included has already be raised.
2. Gloria suggested a discussion of what goals to set for recommendations made to Council. Duane suggested that he invite Council Member Shana Ellis, who after the Committee reorganization also has taken over aviation as part of transportation, come talk at a meeting. He recommended that the members follow up with the Mayor and Council if they are concerned about lack of response on a specific recommendation.

Agenda Item 8 – Schedule Next TAVCO Meeting

Duane thanked attended members for their attendance and contributions; the next meeting was scheduled for September 11th 2007.

Agenda Item 9 – Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Prepared by: Oddvar Tveit

Reviewed by: Don Hawkes

Authorized Signature
Water Utilities Department Manager