



Minutes Tempe Aviation Commission January 11, 2011

Minutes of the Tempe Aviation Commission meeting held on January 11, 2011, 6:30 p.m., at the Public Works Conference Room, Garden Level, City Hall Complex, 31 E. Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Sally Clements
Richard Collins
Tara Ellman
Amy Fish
Karyn Gitlis
Curtis Ritland
Barbara Sherman (Vice Chair)
David Swanson (Chair)
Kurtis Zinger

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Alyson Star (Excused)

City Staff Present:

Oddvar Tveit, Environmental Quality
Specialist

Meeting convened at 6:35 p.m.

Dave called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

There were no public appearances.

Agenda Item 2 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes (December 14, 2010)

Barbara moved to approve the December 2010 meeting minutes. Kurtis seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 3 – Election of Officers

Kurtis withdrew his candidacy for the office of commission Chair made at the December meeting. Dick moved to adopt the nominations of Dave as Chair and Barbara as Vice-Chair for 2011 by acclamation. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 4 – Updates From Staff

Compliance:

Staff presented a 2010 summary of compliance with Sky Harbor noise mitigation procedures and explained why Tempe measures departure compliance using a “corridor” instead of a “gate” which is used by the airport. Both the “gate” and the “corridor” measures showed declines in compliance rates for the last three months of 2010, but most significant were the declines in

“corridor” compliance for all airlines during the month of November, most of which the center runway was closed.

The reduction in number of departure operations, both east and west in 2009 continued in 2010, except for a slight increase in total volume of nighttime departure to the east. The annual Ldn levels at most monitors in Tempe were numerically slightly higher in 2010 than levels in 2008 and 2009. (Small numerical changes express large sound pressure changes measured in amplitude on a logarithmic scale.)

Notice from the FAA:

The members were informed about a notice from PHX TRACON about a decision to increase the altitude of smaller aircraft flying VFR through PHX airspace to allow larger aircraft, flying IFR, to safely reach an altitude so they can be vectored by ATC after a missed approach.

Agenda Item 5 – Recommendation on Joining the National Organization to Insure a Sound-Controlled Environment (N.O.I.S.E.)

Input from members on legislative priorities listed by the organization that could be of importance to Tempe and serve as reasons for a recommendation to join, was discussed. Members voiced concerns about the organization’s web site still being outdated, and that the service the organization could provide needed to be tracked to ensure a line of communication about the efforts made by N.O.I.S.E to advance legislative issues chosen by Tempe. The members discussed how to go about making a recommendation. Dick moved to alter the motion passed at the December meeting recommending to the Mayor and Council that the city join N.O.I.S.E, and instead make a recommendation to the Transportation Council Committee. Amy seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote. Kurtis volunteered to draft a statement from TAVCO to the Committee based on commissioners’ input on reasons for Tempe to join the organization. Curt moved to table further discussion of a recommendation to the next meeting to give the members time to monitor the web site update issue. Dick seconded the motion, which passed by a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 6 – Question for the next Tempe Resident Satisfaction Survey

Kurtis moved to table the agenda item until the members got feedback on the City’s plans for doing a 2011 survey. Dick seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 7 – After a Decade with the Third Runway

The members agreed to table the issue and review the annual noise report statistics before bringing up the issue again.

Agenda Item 8 – Commissioners’ Business (topics for future discussion)

1. On-line complaint form, more transparent for potential users
2. Recognition by Council of staff’s contributions to TAVCO
3. Enquiry to airports about noise mitigation, procedures and programs

Karyn updated the members about the Transportation Council Committee Work Plan going to Council on Thursday, January 13th, 2011, and asked a follow up to the Transportation Council Committee Work Plan be added to the commissions’ task chart.

Staff was asked to check Tempe's policy on posting information on Wikipedia.

Agenda Item 9 – Schedule next TAVCO meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for February 8, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda Item 10 – Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Prepared by: Oddvar Tveit

Reviewed by: Don Hawkes

Authorized Signature
Deputy Water Utilities Manager