



## Minutes Tempe Aviation Commission March 9, 2011

Minutes of the Tempe Aviation Commission meeting held on March 9, 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  
Tara Ellman  
Amy Fish  
Karyn Gitlis  
John Robert Johnson  
Barbara Sherman (Vice Chair)  
Alyson Star  
David Swanson (Chair)  
Kurtis Zinger

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

Richard Collins (Excused)  
Curtis Ritland (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 (February 8, 2011)**

Comments on the minutes were received from Karyn. Barbara moved to approve the February meeting minutes with proposed changes. Kurtis seconded the motion. The amended minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

**Agenda Item 3 – Updates From Staff**

Staff and attending members welcomed John as a member of the Tempe Aviation Commission.

*PAUWG-meeting:*

Staff talked about the Phoenix Airspace Users Working Group and the following topics addressed at the meeting held on February 17, 2011:

- Reductions in air traffic operations because of the economic downturn reduced the 34 major domestic airports included in the FAA's airport evolution plan to 30.
- Changes made to minimum vectoring altitudes at PHX require VFR aircraft on transition through PHX airspace to keep higher altitudes.

- Invitation to participate in working group charged with finding ways to deal with challenges at IWA short of implementing Class C airspace at the airport.
- Safety Risk Management panels conducting SMS (Safety Management Systems) reviews at SDL and DVT.
- US Airways plan to increase night-time flights at PHX.

*UC Davis Aviation Noise and Air Quality Symposium:*

Highlights from the symposium:

- Community Group meeting hosted by the Mayor of Arlington Heights, Illinois
- The future of the 65DNL, and FAA/AEE "Aviation Noise Roadmap" meeting in April 2011
- New tools to evaluate and manage environmental impacts
- RNAV implementation nationally and at PHX, with presentation of estimated reductions in populations over-flown in Phoenix after the MAIER RNAV (RNP) and expected total fuel savings for airlines making use of RNP procedures that were turned on January 13, 2011
- How aviation uniquely contributes to the balance of solar and terrestrial radiation in the atmosphere, and the gaps in knowledge NOX/CH4 aircraft emissions on contrails, cloud formation and O3.

**Agenda Item 4 – Recommendation on Joining the National Organization to Insure a Sound-Controlled Environment (N.O.I.S.E.)**

The members explained about the information they have been able to collect from selected communities that were members of N.O.I.S.E., and expressed opinions about the relative cost and engagement needed from a member to influence the agenda of the organization.

*Kurtis left the meeting at 7:58 p.m.*

Members expressed concerns about the lack of updates to the N.O.I.S.E. web site. Staff was asked to invite the city's new Government Relations Coordinator about how the city engages on a national level.

Barbara moved to table further discussions of a recommendation until the N.O.I.S.E. web site has been updated. Karyn seconded the motion. The motion carried by seven votes for and one vote against.

**Agenda Item 5 – Enquiry about noise mitigation, procedures and program at O'Hare;**

The members agreed to have new draft letter of inquiry about O'Hare noise mitigation developed. The letter would be directed to the new Executive Director of the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission.

**Agenda Item 6 – Commissioners' Business (topics for future discussion)**

The members reviewed the task Gantt chart. No new topics were suggested.

**Agenda Item 9 – Schedule next TAVCO meeting**

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for April 12, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

**Agenda Item 10 – Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Prepared by: Oddvar Tveit

Reviewed by: Don Hawkes

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Authorized Signature  
Deputy Water Utilities Manager

Abbreviations:

IWA: Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport

SDL: Scottsdale Municipal Airport

DVT: Deer Valley Airport

FAA/AEE: Federal Aviation Administration/ Office of Environment and Energy

NOX/CH4: Nitrogen Oxide/Ammonia

O3: Ozone