



## Minutes Tempe Aviation Commission October 11, 2011

Minutes of the Tempe Aviation Commission meeting held on October 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:**

Tara Ellman (On Phone)  
Amy Fish  
Karyn Gitlis  
Barbara Sherman (Vice Chair)  
Alyson Star  
David Swanson (Chair)  
Kurtis Zinger

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

Sally Clements (Excused)  
Richard Collins (Excused)  
John Robert Johnson (Excused)  
Curtis Ritland (Excused)

**City Staff Present:**

Oddvar Tveit, Environmental Quality  
Specialist

**Meeting convened at 6:31 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 (September 13, 2011)**

Barbara moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Karyn. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

**Agenda Item 3 – Updates From Staff**

*On-line noise complaint form:*

Staff presented the final version of the web form, and the members expressed their appreciation for its simpler and easy-to use layout.

*Salt River Reach Study:*

Staff gave a status report on staff level meetings held between Tempe and the City of Phoenix Aviation Department about a wildlife management area study extending from the SR143 to the Tempe Town Lake, almost all within the airport's 10,000 feet runway protection zone. Tempe staff has been receiving periodic progress reports on the study performed by a consultant hired by Phoenix. The study includes proposals for alternative ways to improve the current nuisance water flow west of the Tempe Town Lake. The purpose is to help the airport manage wild life hazards to aviation in a portion of the riverbed where vegetation and areas with standing water

has increased. Tempe has been asked to give feed-back on alternatives proposed in the study. Staff explained the different alternatives and addressed the limitations in how far one could go in eliminating vegetation and wild life habitats inside the area closest to the west dam due to the Tempe Reach Environmental Restoration Project, and the complications related to reducing the overall volume of nuisance water flow in this area of the riverbed because of the amount of standing water east of the east dam, that periodically is pumped into the nuisance low-flow study area to bypass the Tempe Town Lake.

#### **Agenda Item 4 – Update From Vice-Chair**

Barbara informed the members about the assistance the North Tempe Neighborhood Association (NTNA) is providing to the National Organization to Insure a Sound–Controlled Environment (N.O.I.S.E) for the organization’s workshop to be held in Phoenix on November 9, 2011. As a member of N.O.I.S.E the NTNA has been helping to provide local speakers to the event.

#### **Agenda Item 5 – Recommendation to address FAA issues**

Staff had provided the members with a draft letter that was discussed as recommendation to the Mayor and Council to send a statement in line with the content of the draft to members of the Arizona delegation in Washington D.C. Barbara explained that the initiative was based on documents received from the Mayor of the Village of Arlington Heights, Illinois, that included a similar letter to the Congress. The members agreed that Tempe should stay involved and show concern over the fact that the FAA has not received reliable funding since 2007 and the need to ensure that the Next Generation Air Transportation System (Next Gen) is funded. Barbara proposed to add wording expressing the need to do environmental reviews before Next Gen projects are implemented. Staff emphasized that Next Gen implementation has been going on over some time, and PHX was one of the first airports in the country to implement advanced RNAV/RNP routing under the Next Gen initiative. Karyn moved to recommend the Mayor and Council to forward a statement in line with the wording in the draft letter including the amendment proposed by Barbara to the Arizona delegation. Amy seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Follow-up: Staff would include the amendment into the draft letter and forward the Commission’s recommendation for consideration by the Mayor and Council.

#### **Agenda Item 6 – Staff Recognition**

Dave presented the draft for a recognition document. The members reviewed the proposed recognition statement. Karyn presented layout options for the statement. After discussions of how to proceed with the layout, Barbara moved to have Karyn proceed with developing the final format, placing the statement on a separate page. Kurtis seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

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

The members reviewed with staff the updated Gantt chart on the status of TAVCO’s initiatives. Barbara was asked to get back to the members with a report on the N.O.I.S.E workshop at the December meeting. An invitation to an Associate Professor at the ASU School for Engineering of Matter, Transport and Energy to talk about a subject related to aircraft acoustics and noise suppression was suggested as discussion item for the November meeting.

**Agenda Item 8 – Schedule next TAVCO meeting**

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

**Agenda Item 9 – Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Prepared by: Oddvar Tveit

Reviewed by: Don Hawkes

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Authorized Signature  
Deputy Public Works Director - Water Utilities