Tempe

Minutes
Tempe Aviation Commission
April 14, 2009

Minutes of the Tempe Aviation Commission meeting held on April 14, 2009, 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
Dick Collins
Tara Ellman
Karyn Gitlis
Gary Goren
William Justus
Gloria Regensberg (Chair)
Curtis Ritland
Barbara Sherman
Alyson Star
David Swanson (Vice Chair)
Connie Thompson (On Phone)

(MEMBERS) Absent:
Duane Washkowiak (Excused)

Citizens Present:
Darlene Justus

City Staff Present:
Oddvar Tveit, Environmental Quality Specialist

Meeting convened at 6:37 p.m.
Gloria called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances
Darlene addressed a meeting she and Bill just had with Arizona Game and Fish Department in Evelyn Hallman Park. At the meeting the department expressed concerns over growing numbers of Canadian geese at Indian Bend Wash, the Pavilions and Chaparral Lake in Scottsdale, that appear to have settled instead of following a seasonal migration pattern. The department was about to do a study, and she suggested Tempe staff contact the department to get geese population information that could help residents get a better understanding of potential hazard to aviation. She also announced that the North Tempe Neighborhood Association had scheduled meeting for May 11, 2009 to inform residents about airport issues.

Agenda Item 2 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes (March 10 and March 13, 2009)
With suggestions for edits to the March 10th meeting, the members unanimously approved the amended minutes and the minutes from the March 13th meeting.

Agenda Item 3 – Updates From Staff

Open Meeting Law:

The Commission's ability to convene in executive session was limited under the Open Meeting Law. The Commission could not close the doors on the public to discuss their mandate, future plans or strategies. Upon question from staff, members expressed interest in receiving an Open Meeting Law briefing at a future meeting, and also to attend TLC Board & Commission Orientations that might be offered.

PHX Tower/TRACON Tour

The tour was on for April 29th, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

Agenda Item 4 – QED Noise Study Report

Staff recapitulated the findings and recommendation in the report, which was followed by members expressing their opinions about the quality of the consultants work. Particular focus was directed at the account given in the report about how the aircraft departure compliance monitoring tools were developed. A motion from Gary seconded by Dick to recommend that the study be rejected as insufficient considering the outlay for the City, failed by nine members voting against, one voting for the motion and two members abstaining. A motion from Barbara seconded by Karyn to schedule a special meeting where the report and recommendations to the Council could be discussed, passed by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 5 – Luke AFB Lawsuit

A prepared written account of the lawsuit filed by the state against Maricopa County and the decision made by the superior court was addressed by staff.

Agenda Item 6 – Council Committees of Interest

The members discussed an initiative to attend meetings and focus on work plans for other Council Committees besides the Council Transportation Committee that has aviation on the work plan. A motion from Karyn seconded by Dave to expand the focus of the Commission and have representatives at Council Committee meetings dealing with economic development, housing, quality of life community sustainability, and the Mill & Lake District failed, with nine members opposing the motion, one vote for the motion and two members abstaining.

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

The following item was suggested:

Schedule a special meeting in addition to the meeting on the QED report, to discuss goals and strategies.

Agenda Item 8 – Schedule Next TAVCO Meeting

The next regular meeting was scheduled to May 12, 2009.

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
Water Utilities Department Manager