Tempe

Minutes
Tempe Aviation Commission
May 6, 2009

Minutes of the Tempe Aviation Commission special meeting held on May 6, 2009, 6:00 p.m., at the Public Works Engineering Conference Room, Garden Level, City Hall Complex, 31 E. Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present:
Dick Collins
Tara Ellman
Karyn Gitlis
Gary Goren
Gloria Regensberg (Chair)
Barbara Sherman
Dave Swanson

(MEMBERS) Absent:
Sally Clements
William Justus
Curtis Ritland
Alyson Star
Connie Thompson
Duane Washkowiak

City Staff Present:
Oddvar Tveit, Environmental Quality Specialist

Meeting convened at 6:15 p.m.
Gloria called the special meeting to order.

Agenda Item 1 – The Tempe Aviation Commission's Mandate and future Strategies
With reference to the mandate for the Commission the members individually expressed what they would like the Commission to focus on. Suggestions made were listed under the following topics: Noise, the FAA, Airport Operations, 4th Runway, Public Relations/Political Outreach and History. With the caveat that amendments to the charge of the commission or acceptance by Mayor and Council might be required before pursuing some of the suggestions, members stated that the Commission should:

- Concentrate on aircraft noise in Tempe only.
- Have a member as a liaison with the FAA on flight procedure matters.
- Develop a correct and official account of Tempe's history with the airport, including the single point of departure procedure.
- Revisit the TAVCO positive awareness program, establish a dialogue with pilots.
- Follow up on the IGA, with regard to equalization of departures both for night and day time operations, revisit the issue of turns made by large turboprop aircraft away from the riverbed, review faster assent by airlines departing over Tempe to higher altitudes, promote a single point of departure, and work to get a side-step noise mitigation approach procedure re-instituted.

- Get multi-family homes included in the PHX FAR Part 150, and lobby for cost sharing instead of continuing with a get-it-all or nothing scenario depending on which side of the street you are living.
- Develop a policy statement on the future prospect of a 4th runway.
- Have a study done to define aircraft noise damage to health, property values etc.
- Engage in political outreach, lobby congressional representative for changes in federal requirements, e.g. to influence federal standards on what constitutes acceptable level of noise from airport operations to human health and quality of life.
- Get out into the community and do active outreach, e.g. to get community volunteers to track aircraft movements over noise monitoring sites.
- Look at new issues that the cities could agree upon beyond what is in the IGA.
- Make good use of NFTMS and do additional independent studies.
- Review what is on and what should be published on the city website, (http://www.tempe.gov/aircraftnoise).
- Include air pollution in addition to noise, considering there is no monitoring of total emissions levels from the airport.
- Bring airport issues to the attention and on the agendas of the Council Transportation Committee.
- Support and follow up on studies for a reliever airport and a regional airport system.
- Work to get a budget and pursue marketing.
- Discuss the option of creating subcommittees to get issues worked on more efficiently and effectively.

The Chair would list the items discussed in a document to be presented to the members.

Agenda Item 2 – Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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Reviewed by: Don Hawkes

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Water Utilities Department Manager