



Minutes Tempe Aviation Commission January 9, 2007

Minutes of the Tempe Aviation Commission meeting held on January 9, 2007, 6:30 p.m., at the Public Works Conference Room, Garden Level, City Hall Complex, 31 E. Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Shannon S. Bradley
Bernard A. Eilers
Richard Pagoria
Joseph Salvatore (Vice Chair)
David Swanson
Duane Washkowiak
Edwin R. Wiggington

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Troy McCraw (Excused)

Guests Present:

Melissa Keckler, Goodman Schwartz
Public Affairs
George Sullivan, Aviation Consultant

City Staff Present:

Oddvar Tveit, Environmental Quality
Specialist, Water Utilities
Department

Meeting convened at 6:30 p.m.

Joe Salvatore called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

There were no public appearances.

Agenda Item 2 – Election of Officers

Oddvar stated that two candidates for each of the positions were nominated at the meeting in December 2006, and that the members could consider the nomination process to be closed unless other candidates stepped forward at this time. The elections could be done either by traditional majority vote or by using ballots. After a brief discussion among the members Richard moved to have elections done by show of hands. Shannon seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. With acclamation Duane was elected as Chair and Joe as Vice-Chair for 2007. Duane stated that he hoped for the Commission to be productive revisiting the list of priorities made in the recommendation to the Mayor and Council.

Agenda Item 3 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes (December 14, 2006)

Duane solicited comments to the minutes. Upon a motion from Shannon that was seconded by Joe, the minutes from the December meeting were unanimously approved.

Agenda Item 4 – Updates From Staff

RFQ on aviation noise

Oddvar informed the members about a Request for Qualifications that had been out to solicit expertise for doing noise measuring services for the City in proximity of the Phoenix noise monitors. The RFQ was issued by the Water Utilities Department, however due to a lack of response within the deadline last week the department would need to look into the possibilities of following a more direct route to the limited number of firms that provide this highly specialized type of service. He explained that this is expertise that mainly has airports as clients and will typically be reluctant to get themselves into situations that can jeopardize existing relationships or competitive positions.

Questions and Answers:

- What would be the next step? Oddvar stated that the department needs to work on finding ways to contact a selected number of providers with the City's procurement office since exceptional circumstances needs to be in place for this to happen.
- Does this go to the lowest cost bidder? Oddvar emphasized that this was an RFQ and not a request for a bid proposal. The purpose was to explore the existence and availability of expertise locally in accordance with procurement procedures the City needs to follow.

Follow up: Oddvar would get back to the members with more information about how the process progresses at a future meeting.

Agenda Item 5 – Update From the City of Phoenix Aviation Department

George Sullivan had been in contact with Cindy Lizarraga, the manager for the City of Phoenix Community Noise Reduction Program (CNRP). She would get back to the Chair with data on what had been done in Tempe. Mary Peters, the U.S. Transportation Secretary is scheduled to conduct a press conference from the new Tower/TRACON at Sky Harbor on Friday.

Sometime in March 2007 the official dedication of the new facility will take place, with the Transportation Secretary and local dignitaries present. Possibly in 3 or 4 months TAVCO could be invited to have a meeting at the new facility. It cost about \$91 million to get it built, but it is fine facility. David commented that the reason for the public's expense is to make the airport safer. The tall tower gives better oversight over operations on the ground. George explained that the line of sight to operations is not totally uninhibited, e.g. the sight to taxiway R, to the one farthest to the east behind the US Airways terminals controllers can see the aircraft going through, but not the taxiway itself. The FAA controllers are also getting ground radar, ASDE-X, which will help identifying aircraft on the ground at night.

Agenda Item 6 – Residential Sound Mitigation Services for multi-family homes:

Oddvar stated that he had included a draft letter of recommendation as requested at the last meeting in December 2006. Changes and additions to the draft had been included base on input received after having distributed it among the members. The draft was presented for discussion and possible action. Duane invited the members to read through the revised draft, and give their comments. Shannon and Joe stated that they did not have any suggestions for corrections and that the letter did cover what needed to be addressed. Shannon moved to accept the letter and have it sent to the Mayor and Council. Joe seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Follow up: Staff would submit the letter for signature by the Chair and have it distributed.

Seth Chalmer's letter with questions regarding the airport's CNRP advertisement costs that brought the item on the agenda was considered to need no further action and could be filed.

Agenda Item 7 – TAVCO Tasks Update

1. *How the Phoenix metropolitan area and Sky Harbor compares to other areas with airports in the U.S:* Shannon stated that she had no update on Denver Stapleton, and recommended considering the task to be complete. Edwin stated that that also was the situation for his part of the task
Follow up: The Chair concluded that the task could be taken off the list.
3. *Look into whether or not a published side-step is in place at other U.S. airports.* Shannon suggested keeping the item open until the next meeting. Duane asked George if side-step procedures are in place at other airports, who replied that visual side-step procedures are in use at other airports as they are at Sky Harbor, however, he knew of no airport where the procedure is charted as an instrument procedure. Joe commented that other airports like John Wayne and Burbank that have odd procedures that airlines need to follow to abate noise. Bernie commented that there are measures in use, e.g. adjust power setting to idle on decent. Joe stated that the side-step was natural for Tempe because of the narrow paths into the airport that existed over the riverbed with high population densities on both sides of it. Richard stated that it would be interesting to know what Midway does being an island surrounded by population. Duane suggested widening the topic to noise abatement procedures in general and abatement practices in place at other airports.
5. *Governor's Advisory Council on Aviation:* Duane stated that there was nothing new to report on this item.
7. *Aviation Conference:* Oddvar stated 7 and 8 are left from the previous Chair. Duane commented that TAVCO should not take a lead, but take part if an initiative was taken to have a conference where airport traffic in the valley and the state was addressed.
8. *Aviation Goals 1-2-3:* Duane got support from other members to close the task, because of the recommended list of aviation issues the Commission developed could be considered to be a position paper.
12. *Web site about residential sound attenuation:* David explained his intention of trying to make information accessible on the City web site about sound insulation citizens can do to their homes. Duane suggested that the commission work to get City department to include information with the water bill on where to find the links on the City web site where the information could be found when it is collected.
Follow up: Staff was asked to contact Community Relations/Community and Media Relations to investigate the possibility of including a link on the City's web site to the TAVCO noise report.

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

No new items were suggested.

Agenda Item 9 – Schedule Next TAVCO Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday February 13, 2007.

Agenda Item 10 – Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Prepared by: Oddvar Tveit

Reviewed by: Don Hawkes

Authorized Signature
Water Utilities Department Manager