



Minutes Tempe Aviation Commission December 11, 2007

Minutes of the Tempe Aviation Commission meeting held on December 11, 2007, 6:30 p.m., at the Public Works Conference Room, Garden Level, City Hall Complex, 31 E. Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Bernard A. Eilers
William Justus
Ross Meyer
Gloria Regensberg
Joseph Salvatore (Vice Chair)
David Swanson
Duane Washkowiak (Chair)

City Staff Present:

Oddvar Tveit, Environmental Quality
Specialist, Water Utilities Department

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Shannon S. Bradley (Excused)
Richard Pagoria (Excused)
Sandeep Gopalan
Troy McCraw
Connie Thompson (Excused)
Edwin R. Wiggington (Excused)

Guests Present:

George Sullivan, Aviation Consultant

Citizens Present:

Darlene Justus
Barbara Sherman

Meeting convened at 6:34 p.m.

Duane Washkowiak called the meeting to order by asking for comments from the public.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

There were no public appearances.

Agenda Item 2 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes (November 13, 2007)

Duane asked for comments to the minutes. David moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Bernard. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Agenda Item 3 – Updates From Staff

Request for services related to measuring aircraft noise:

City engineering staff had recently been in contact with a potential provider of a noise study for Tempe. A study would include an independent assessment of the noise data the City receives from the Sky Harbor monitoring system and possibly some additional assessments. The City of Phoenix has not yet finalized their RFP for replacing the monitors or a complete system replacement.

PAUWG-meeting:

Two new RNAV arrival procedures presented at the November 15, 2007 PAUWG meeting was displayed to visualize a more concentrated paths on to downwind legs from the west over Gila Bend (GEELA) and the southeast over Coolidge (COOL). The presentation also included a playback of an all-cargo jet go-around at 5:55 a.m. on December 8, 2007 that caused a citizen complaint. The go-around was apparently caused by air traffic control changing over to operate the airport in west flow direction. The change in flow usually happens in anticipation of a wind change.

City code awareness when planning home insulation upgrades:

Because code enforcement staff was unable to make it to the meeting or otherwise provide information on the topic at this time, staff asked to postpone this part of the update to a future meeting.

Agenda Item 4 – Update From the City of Phoenix Aviation Department

Media had reported on airlines cutting back on flights at Sky Harbor. This is the airlines trying to fill up each aircraft, and because of these efforts the number of operations might be somewhat reduced.

With regard to the political debate over building heights, this is not a problem on staff level. It is a question of providing information. Over the last two years Phoenix has discouraged high rise projects, and there are natural differences between the ground elevations east and west of the airport impacting the outcome of building height evaluations. However the standards used for evaluating high rise projects east and west of the airport are the same.

The FAA regulates and makes determination on high rises and flight safety, but it is up the airport proprietor to regulate and enforce compatible land use around the airport as far as its jurisdiction goes.

George finished his update by declaring that this was his last TAVCO update representing the Phoenix Aviation Department. With acclamation Duane thanked George for all the input he had provided over many years to the members of the Commission.

Barbara Sherman joined the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Agenda Item 5 – Follow Up Actions on Recommendations made

The item was addressed by the Chair who had read in the minutes what was discussed in his absence at the last meeting. He updated the members on communication he had received from Council member Shana Ellis. Efforts were underway to have aviation issues on a future Council Issue Review Session agenda, date yet to be determined. He would inform the members when a date has been set to enable discussion and a decision about how to proceed and participate with the City Council at the IRS.

Agenda Item 7 – Candidates for Officer Positions

The Chair asked for volunteer candidates for both the Chair and Vice-Chair positions. He asked potential candidates to let staff know before elections in January 2008, and thanked Bernard, who had served 6 years on the Commission, Joe with 4 years on the Commission, and Troy (3 years) for their contributions serving on TAVCO.

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

The chair encouraged members to attend the Mesa workshop on December 13, and 14, 2007 for the strategic development plan for the Mesa Gateway area.

Follow-up: Staff was asked to provide the members web links to reports published by the City of Mesa for the workshop.

Agenda Item 8 – Schedule Next TAVCO Meeting

Next meeting was scheduled to January 8th, 2008.

Agenda Item 9 – Adjournment

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

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Reviewed by: Don Hawkes

Authorized Signature
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