



## **Minutes Tempe Aviation Commission January 8, 2008**

**Minutes of the Tempe Aviation Commission meeting held on January 8, 2008, 6:30 p.m., at the Public Works Conference Room, Garden Level, City Hall Complex, 31 E. Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona.**

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

William Justus  
Gloria Regensberg  
Connie Thompson  
Richard Pagoria  
David Swanson  
Duane Washkowiak (Chair)  
Edwin R. Wiggington

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

Sandeep Gopalan  
Ross Meyer

**Guests Present:**

Randy Payne, Noise Manager, City of Phoenix

**City Staff Present:**

Oddvar Tveit, Environmental Quality Specialist, Water Utilities Department

**Meeting convened at 6:36 p.m.**

Duane Washkowiak called the meeting to order by wishing everybody a Happy New Year.

**Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances**

There were no public appearances.

**Agenda Item 2 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes (December 11, 2007)**

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

**Agenda Item 3 – Updates From Staff**

*Request for noise consulting services:*

The City had received a scope from QED Airport & Aviation consultants for services related to studying the airport noise monitoring data that is accessible to Tempe, and the locations for the monitors in Tempe in view of current flight paths. If hired the company plans to meet with the Commission.

*New City Manger:*

Charlie Meyer started with the City in December 2007. The City Code requires that the Aviation Commission has the City Manager or his designee to assist in an advisory capacity. Amendments to the code are up for a first public hearing at the Thursday January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Council Meeting.

*PAUWG-meeting:*

A special meeting is scheduled next week (January 17<sup>th</sup> 2008) because of the upcoming Super Bowl XLII event.

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

Randy Payne gave an update on air traffic expectations for the Super Bowl event. Uncertainties remains before teams are announced, but a large amount of charter and corporate jet activity is expected before game day February 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 2008. Deer Valley and the other satellite airports in the valley will be busy during day-and night time hours before and after the game. Sky Harbor has only two Fixed Base Operators and does not expect to serve many of the visiting jets. The old FAA tower at Sky Harbor will be completely down by the end of the month, and the site of the old tower west of Terminal 3 will be used for a new building where the airport plans to install a new in-line baggage system. The RFP for the noise monitoring system is under legal review, and was expected to be publicly available in a couple of months. The current contract (with ERA Beyond Radar) ends August 31, 2008.

**Agenda Item 5 – Election of Officers**

Duane solicited member candidates for the Commission's officer positions. He volunteered to continue on as chair, and David Swanson volunteered to become the new vice-chair. The members voted unanimously to re-elect Duane as chair and elect Dave as vice-chair for 2008.

**Agenda Item 6 – Commissioners' Business (topics for future discussion)**

The chair announced he yet had to get a date for addressing Council. He asked what goals the members thought should be set for the Commission in 2008. The following items were raised for future discussion:

- An invitation to Council and the Mayor to discuss expectations to be used as guidance for commission members' deliberations over what to do and what not to do.
- A recommendation to the Mayor and Council to discuss the option of organizing the Aviation Commission as a subcommittee under the City's Transportation Commission to bring about more effective use of commissioners time and to more effectively get things accomplished.
- A study, if possible with ASU, that explore how the airport is impacting Tempe, both with regard to quality of life and future economic development.
- A dialogue with Phoenix about a regional solution to future needs for additional runways.
- A role for the Commission in serving the community as an educator doing public appearances and distributing information material, e.g. appear at a Let's Talk Tempe early morning meeting.
- The members should collect information and discuss city incentives to inspire citizens to upgrade home insulation, install new windows etc.

Follow-up: Staff was asked to provide the chair with information how to get on the schedule for the Mayor's morning meetings with the public. Randy was asked to check into any updates on

how much money Sky Harbor generate annually for the City of Phoenix. Duane would let the members know when a date is set for his address to the City Council. The members agreed they should all try recruit new members.

Duane thanked Richard for his service on the Commission.

**Agenda Item 7 – Schedule Next TAVCO Meeting**

Next meeting was scheduled to February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

**Agenda Item 9 – Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

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Reviewed by: Don Hawkes

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Authorized Signature  
Water Utilities Department Manager