



Minutes Tempe Aviation Commission November 9, 2010

Minutes of the Tempe Aviation Commission meeting held on November 9, 2010, 6:30 p.m., at the Public Works Conference Room, Garden Level, City Hall Complex, 31 E. Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Dick Collins
Amy Fish
Karyn Gitlis
Alyson Star
Barbara Sherman (Vice Chair)
David Swanson (Chair)
Kurtis Zinger

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Sally Clements (Excused)
Tara Ellman (Excused)
Curtis Ritland (Excused)

City Staff Present:

Oddvar Tveit, Environmental Quality
Specialist

Citizens Present:

Sarah Katz

Meeting convened at 6:32 p.m.

Dave called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

Sarah Katz presented herself and explained why she was attending the meeting.

Agenda Item 2 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes (October 12, 2010)

With a suggestion for one change on the first page, Barbara moved to approve the October meeting minutes as amended. Kurtis seconded the motion. The amended minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 3 – Updates From Staff

Early morning departure headings:

Staff displayed east-flow radar tracks from the month of October before and after the center runway was temporarily closed for installation of runway status lights and other upgrades, and tracks from the first week of November 2010. With the center runway closed, most of the departure activity was moved to the north runway, which resulted in sound energy level reductions at monitoring sites in Tempe's downtown areas south of the riverbed. Average levels increased at sites in north Tempe, and at sites farther out, south of University Drive and east of Rural Road. The levels included aircraft arrivals from the east; aircraft are still using the north and south runways to land. Departure operations off the north runway came to a peak during

the first week of November when winds, predominantly from the east, kept the airport in an east flow configuration during afternoon hours. The closure was expected to last until the end of the third week of November, depending on how the work on center runway progresses. A partial closure of the north runway during nighttime hours to complete the status light project will follow.

Agenda Item 4 – National Organization to Insure a Sound-Controlled Environment

Members discussed the activities and the apparent lack of recent activities reviewing what is posted on the organization's web site (<http://www.aviation-noise.org/index.htm>), and the benefits members get and Tempe received when it was a member of N.O.I.S.E. Kurtis moved the Commission investigate membership costs, benefits member municipalities had gained, and why no recent legislative activities had been posted on the N.O.I.S.E. website. Karyn seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Kurtis accepted the task of gathering the information.

Agenda Item 5 – Status on Commission Issues

The members reviewed a list of issues and tasks addressed by the Commission at previous meetings. Members expressed what tasks entailed and individual reports were given on the tasks status. The members discussed which tasks to bring forward under agenda item 6.

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

December 2010 meeting:

- Discuss proposals for a one-line question for the next Tempe Resident Satisfaction Survey,
- Discuss whether to recommend the city to become a member of N.O.I.S.E.
- Discuss items for an annual report to Council to review 10 years with the third runway.

January 2011 meeting: Outreach letter to investigate noise mitigation in place at other airports.

It was suggested that staff make it more transparent in the monthly noise report why turboprop aircraft are singled out, and what a turboprop aircraft is. The need for education about the measures in the IGA and the importance of finding ways to get information out through the Tempe aviation listserv, and to Tempe neighborhoods were emphasized.

Agenda Item 7 – Schedule next TAVCO meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for December 14, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda Item 8 – Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Prepared by: Oddvar Tveit

Reviewed by: Don Hawkes

Authorized Signature
Deputy Water Utilities Manager