



## Minutes Tempe Aviation Commission June 14, 2011

Minutes of the Tempe Aviation Commission meeting held on June 14, 2011, 6:30 p.m., at the Public Works Conference Room, Garden Level, City Hall Complex, 31 E. Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona.

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Sally Clements  
Tara Ellman  
John Robert Johnson  
Barbara Sherman (Vice Chair)  
Alyson Star  
David Swanson (Chair)  
Kurtis Zinger

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

Richard Collins (Excused)  
Amy Fish (Excused)  
Karyn Gitlis (Excused)  
Curtis Ritland (Excused)

**City Staff Present:**

Oddvar Tveit, Environmental Quality  
Specialist

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

Dave called the meeting to order.

**Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances**

There were no public appearances.

**Agenda Item 2 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes (May 10, 2011)**

Barbara suggested a couple of corrections to the minutes, and John R. moved to approve minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Alyson. The amended minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

**Agenda Item 3 – Updates From Staff**

*May 19<sup>th</sup> PAUWG meeting:*

Six members of the PAUWG have been appointed to work with six FAA ATC officials to come up with suggestions for changes to Phoenix Mesa Gateway Airport (IWA) Class D airspace, and avoid implementing Class C at IWA, which is a much larger undertaking. Passenger traffic at IWA had increased 20% since December 2010. Allegiant Air expressed concerns about Fighter Combat International (FCI) aerobatics in an area southeast of the airport, and explained how in their view IWA airspace is increasingly complex and problematic to navigate. The publishing of a Standard Terminal Arrival Route for IWA was expected for December 10, 2011. IWA could see reduced 161 Air Refueling Wing activities because of the expansion of opening hours at Luke AFB from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., providing ATC service on week-ends in coordination with

Glendale's (GYR's) opening hours. The Luke Special Air Traffic Rule (SATR) airspace is working, no mid-air incidents with F-16's and small planes. The SATR is only open during daylight because of its purpose to serve general aviation.

PHX Tower reported various construction projects going, and configuration and testing of runway status light installments.

The legislature cut \$3.5 million from this year's (2011-12) state aviation budget, less than expected. \$2 million available for local airport improvement projects this year.

#### **Agenda Item 4 – NLC congress in Phoenix in November 2011**

Staff explained that the purpose of the item was to have a discussion of an aviation topic that would be of interest for the Council Transportation Committee (CTC) Chair to bring to other members on the NLC Transportation Infrastructure Services Steering Committee (TISC) at the congress.

Staff gave the members and update on what had been going on this spring in Washington D.C. regarding bills on FAA reauthorization and air transport modernization, including proposed amendment to H.R. 658 that was withdrawn before the bill passed the house, dealing with consultation with community surrounding an airports that receive grants from the Airport Improvement Program (AIP). The O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission was an example of local communities surrounding O'Hare taking an active part making decisions on implementation of a program funded by AIP grants. The involvement of communities surrounding airports in airport planning and development through the AIP is a topic of general interest to communities surrounding large airports.

Barbara suggested the NLC policy document for Transportation Infrastructure and Services Section 5.04 A nr. 1, "The Airport Trust Fund", should be expanded so not only aviation users benefit from the taxes they pay into the fund, but also those impacted by aviation. In addition section 5.04 A nr. 5, "Passenger Facility Charges", should not only address capacity and implementation of major capital equipment upgrades, but also some of the PFC's should be used for noise control.

Barbara moved to recommend to the CTC chair that the Commission is interested in having her look at the amendment that was suggested and then withdrawn by Representative Maxine Walters (D-CA) in connection with the debate of H.R. 658, as a potential NLC policy statement and have the steering committee add to their agenda a possible expansion of wordings in Sections 5.04 A nr. 1. and 5.04 A nr. 5 of the policy document dealing with Transportation Infrastructure and Services. Kurtis suggested an amendment to the motion directing staff to add wording to put the recommendation from the commission into a broader context. Sally seconded the motion. The members approved the motion by unanimous vote.

Barbara presented and distributed documents developed in connection with North Tempe Neighborhood Association's (NTNA's) decision to join the National Organization to Insure a Sound Controlled Environment (N.O.I.S.E.). The organization was scheduled to meet in Phoenix on November 8, 2011, the day before the start of the NLC congress. This would give the NTNA opportunity to get questions answered and bring their issues to the forefront. NTNA had proposed a panel discussion for the N.O.I.S.E. conference.

**Agenda Item 5 – Question for the 2011 Resident Survey**

The members discussed proposals for a one-line question for the next resident survey. The members agreed on suggesting the following question: How satisfied are you with aviation noise control?

**Agenda Item 6 – On-line noise Complaint Form**

Upon suggestion from Kurtis the members agreed to table this topic, and get back to it first thing at a future meeting.

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

The members reviewed the task Gantt chart. No new topics were suggested. An update on the recommendation for the NLC congress and the N.O.I.S.E conference in Phoenix was suggested. Barbara would give an account of a planned meeting with the PHX Air Traffic Control Manager Phil Freed.

**Agenda Item 8 – Schedule next TAVCO meeting**

The next meeting was scheduled for August 9, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

**Agenda Item 9 – Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Prepared by: Oddvar Tveit

Reviewed by: Don Hawkes

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Authorized Signature  
Deputy Public Works Director - Water Utilities