

Minutes
Tempe Aviation Commission Noise Abatement Subcommittee
Wednesday, March 8, 2017

Minutes of the Tempe Aviation Commission Noise Abatement Subcommittee meeting held on March 8, 2017, 6:00 p.m., at the Eisendrath House SRP Water Education Facility, 1400 N. College Ave, Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Lane Carraway
Robert Dixon
Shannon Dutton
John Q. Nunes

City Staff Present:

Cassandra Mac, *Management Assistant I+*

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Michael Sonenberg (Excused)

Meeting convened at 6:02 p.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes (February 8, 2017)

Motion: Mr. Robert Dixon moved to approve the drafted February meeting minutes. Mr. John Q. Nunes seconded the motion.

Action: The February 2017 meeting minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 2 – Establishment of a Noise Abatement Office

Mr. John Q. Nunes noted that since the February 21st TAVCO meeting where there were guests from the FAA, aircrafts appear to have been adhering to the rules much more closely and excess noise has been significantly less. The members concluded that informative, respectful discussions with FAA representatives are more effective at mitigating unnecessary noise than accusations. Following this model could lead to additional, long term improvement.

Discussions: The members made the following suggestions:

- The establishment of a Noise Abatement Office (NAO) could ensure collaborative and productive conversations with FAA representatives.
- A multi-jurisdictional office would likely not be successful at this time, and it may be more beneficial for Tempe to be leaders in the region and establish an individual NAO.
- The position(s) would be voluntary at first, with a small budget of \$5,000 or less for travel to conferences or regional FAA meetings.
- Potential job duties could include:
 - Create and disseminate informational and educational materials.
 - Build and maintain relationships with FAA personnel and other aviation professionals.
 - Maintain open and active dialogue to assure Tempe has a seat at the table.
 - Evaluate and research technical opportunities, especially in regards to practices and procedures at other airports.
 - Be actively involved in Metroplex and NextGen updates, and pass guidance onto those whom might be affected by any changes.

- The objective is not to create or change policy.
- The potential requirements for this officer would ideally meet the following criteria:
 - The individual should possess some aviation knowledge.
 - Could be an individual already employed by the City of Tempe, or an active citizen.
 - TAVCO would like to have input on who is chosen for this position.
- If successful, the NAO could eventually become a paid position that takes on additional quality of life noise issues, such as noise created from motorcycles or cars without muffles.

Motion: Mr. Robert Dixon motioned that city staff to research a potential NAO including the structure and functionality, and present findings at the April meeting and that city staff and Mr. Lane Carraway invite City Councilmembers Navarro and Kolby to the April meeting. Mr. John Q. Nunes seconded the motion.

Action: The motioned carried by a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 3 – Schedule Next Meeting

The topic of helicopter noise was tabled until May. The next subcommittee meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, April 5, 2017 to revisit the establishment of a Tempe noise abatement office for further discussion and possible action.

Agenda Item 4 – Adjournment

Motion: Ms. Shannon Dutton moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Robert Dixon seconded the motion.

Action: The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Prepared by: Cassandra Mac

Reviewed by: David McNeil