

Approved Minutes

Tempe Aviation Commission

January 10, 2023

Minutes of the Tempe Aviation Commission meeting – was held virtual Microsoft Teams meeting with call in +1 (480) 498-8745 United States, Phoenix (Toll) Conference ID: 243 160 897# and at the Tempe Public Library, on January 10, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

(MEMBERS) Present:

W. David Doiron
Karen Apple
Stuart Mitnik (arrived late)
Aaron McBride (arrived late)
Ellen Poole
John Lynch
Lane Waddell
Peter Schelstraete
Ed Kucharski

(MEMBERS) Absent:

None

Citizens Present:

None

City Staff Present:

Brianne Fisher, Sustainability and Resilience
Office, City of Tempe

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Mr. Doiron called the meeting to order at 6:32p.m.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances

Mr. Doiron asks if there are any members in the audience looking to make a comment.
There are none.

Agenda Item 3 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes (October 18)

Mr. Doiron asked if anyone had considerations of minutes such as discrepancies or corrections.
Member Apple mentioned in agenda item 6 of the minutes, she was discussing the new “sky train” not “car train.”

Agenda Item 4 – Aircraft Noise Mitigation Reports

Fisher explains that this is a follow up to the conversation we had about the Noise Mitigation Reports that exist online that Oddvar use to create. Fisher continues, and explains that member Mitnik was working with Phoenix Sky Harbor's data platform, PublicVue on how to find the data to replicate those reports. It was discussed at last meeting that Oddvar did have a different level of access to PublicVue that allowed him to pull the data we are looking for. Fisher has been in touch with Phoenix Sky Harbor about getting that additional access for herself. She continues to say that there is a larger conversation taking place at the city about some outside help in making sure there is compliance with the IGA. Fisher says today, the exercise is to review the PHX East Compliance Report and the Annual Report and determine what information was valuable and if there is anything missing.

Conversation amongst Members as follows:

- Member Mitnik mentions not much information on inbound side over north Tempe
- Member Kucharaski asked if there was Quarter 1 report of the most recent year
- Chair states that the source of compliance is Sky Harbor airport and if they choose not to enforce then there is no committee or negotiations involved. I have observed aircraft already on departure not in compliance with the IGA – not weather related. Departure control can use early charge to move a lot more airplanes a lot faster. IGA and aircraft both have deviation. This is when it comes to the big airplanes. The IGA has been violated by the City of Tempe, City of Phoenix says it has been violated. The City of Phoenix is playing nice. What they will do is exactly what they want to do. And when or if the City of Tempe complains, they will use government speak to say that they are doing the right thing. Tempe has no teeth and nothing to bargain with.
- Member Mitnik follows up with a question of what is TAVCO's reason to exist?
- Chair responds with 2 reasons: 1) provide information to the residents of Tempe; and 2) prevent there to be an orange county style inquisition. For those that do not know what an Orange County is they take off at about 600 ft and then pull throttle to idle. They are coasting along as they fly over the wealthy neighborhoods and then they get to open water and they resume to normal. Majority of engineer failures occur with throttle changes. We do not want to see that kind of imposition put into place as Tempe continues to develop in this area.
- Chair continues to say, with the noise report, it will continue to show improvement because jet engine manufactures are in competition to make more efficient, more powerful, and quieter. The airplanes going in and out of Sky Harbor will keep getting

more quiet. Aircrafts will also be able to more quickly get to higher elevation so less noise closer to the ground.

- Member Mitnik states we will see this kind of improvement to see it over decades of time.
- Chair states that the info in the reports are great information and if we don't add anything to the reports, it is worthwhile to still gather this information, does anyone have anything else to say about the reports?
- Member Lynch mentions you are able on the web, public version to go back in time, any date, to figure out what was going on.
- Fisher states from the city perspective and what is going on with the Rio Salado development, the city is interested in having someone who is more dedicated into looking at data and compliance. If there is deviation from the IGA, the city will want to know the data behind those deviation. No one is currently looking at the data closely to monitor compliance but we are working on different solutions for that.

Agenda Item 5 – Commissioners Business

Member Mitnik asks if there is anything that we as TAVCO need to do for the development.

Chair responds, my opinion as individuals yes but as a Committee – no. We have not been approached by Council for any advice, they do not care.

Fisher states what we have up ahead: planning the November event, developers presentation on Rio Salado development, and noise mitigation and monitoring data.

Chair asks new member Lane Waddell to introduce himself. Waddell states that he has lived in Tempe since 1984, attended ASU, teach high school in Tempe High School district for the last 26 years. Served in City of Tempe Parks and Recreation division for several years. Felt it was time to start giving back and Mayor Woods came to his government class and talked about Commissions. Looking forward to doing whatever I can do to help.

Agenda Item 7 – TAVCO Next Meeting

Chair asks if Tuesday, February 14 is next meeting.

Agenda Item 8 – Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Prepared by: Brianne Fisher