

Minutes

Tempe Aviation Commission

June 14, 2022

Minutes of the Tempe Aviation Commission meeting - virtual Microsoft Teams meeting with call in +1 (480) 498-8745 United States, Phoenix (Toll) Conference ID: 243 160 897# held on May 17, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

(MEMBERS) Present:

W. David Doiron
Ellen Poole
Desiree Walker
Karen Apple
Stuart Mitnik
Ed Kucharski
Aaron McBride
Peter Schelstraete

(MEMBERS) Absent:

John Lynch (excused)

Citizens Present:

Marril Darcy, resident in Riverside

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. Mr. Darcy, Riverside neighborhood. Airport, camp, make west side a taxiway. This plan would eliminate any ingress or egress from the westside. All traffic now must come from Tempe or 44th street. TAVCO should address that if any west side entrance to Sky Harbor gets adjusted or eliminated. TAVCO should encourage commuter rail from Tucson instead of being car dependent. TAVCO should work to incentivize Sky Harbor to relocate air cargo to Luke or Goodyear. Most air cargo is night flights that take place over Tempe. Sky Harbor chose to remain landlocked and small municipal airport. Could expose, losing market share and improve their expansion. If ground transport is all electric in the next decade, airports would then be the largest contributor to pollution in the transportation sector.

Chair asks if anyone has anything else to say as a response. No responses. Public appearance

section of the agenda closed.

Agenda Item 3 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes (May 17)

Mr. Doiron asked if anyone had considerations of minutes such as discrepancies or corrections.

Commissioner Mitnik asked for an error on page 3 to be addressed.

Motion: Commissioner Poole moves to approve the minutes with edit made. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Walker.

Action: The motion to approve was passed by a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 4 - Proposed Tempe Entertainment District

Chair Doiron states that part of his presentation in the next agenda item covers issues related to the proposed Tempe Entertainment District and proposed to combine Agenda Item 4 with Agenda Item 5.

Mitnik moves to combine agenda items 4 and 5. Commissioner Kucharski seconds. All in favor, motion carried.

Agenda Item 5 – Aircraft Enforcement presentation by Chair Doiron

Chair Doiron introduces his presentation about flight path enforcement. He states that the presentation covers three questions: 1) What are the pilots and controllers doing, 2) What do you want them to do, 3) What incentives are in place?

Chair Doiron continues to present the material outlined in the presentation material.

Chair Doiron asks if there are any questions. Commissioner Apple asks if 4 DME is about the 101 and the presentation showed it as being around the 6 DME. Apple continues by saying the 4 DME by the 101 there is more allowance to deviate and start to make turns out of departures. Chair responds by saying we do not have a concern about the departures, it is the arrivals making noise.

Poole says thank you for the presentation, as a north Tempe resident the information is helpful.

Chair asks the Commission if they can see how with the procedures laid out in the presentation it relates to Agenda Item 4. Commissioners respond with a unanimous yes.

Commissioner Mitnik asks a procedural question. He asks as the commissioners develop the material for the event, there needs to be some ongoing review. Is there any problem in bouncing this stuff back and forth.

Fisher states that they can develop a subgroup is the best option for that, four people maximum.

Apple mentions that as well look for dates, staying away from the holidays.

Agenda Item 6 – Commissioners Business

Chair asks if there is a specific time to start to plan a presentation at the History Museum in October or November. There are no comments. Chair states he will start to look into a November presentation at the Museum.

Staff mentions that November is “Aviation History Month” and offered to help reach out to the museum staff about some type of display.

Meeting location update – Staff reports that we can move the location to the in-person portion of this meeting to the library.

General Plan Update – Staff reports that the City is going through the General Plan process and representatives from Boards and Commissions is requested. She asks who would like to be the TAVCO representative. Chair Doiron says he is interested in being the main representative and Commission McBride is able to be the alternative.

Agenda Item 7 – Schedule Next TAVCO Meeting

Chair reports that the next meeting is proposed for Tuesday, August 9.

Agenda Item 8 – Adjournment

Member Mitnik moves to adjourn the meeting. Kucharski seconds. Unanimous approval.

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Prepared by: Brianne Fisher