Tempe

Minutes
Tempe Aviation Commission
February 19, 2008

Minutes of the Tempe Aviation Commission meeting held on February 19, 2008, 6:30 p.m., at the Public Works Conference Room, Garden Level, City Hall Complex, 31 E. Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present:
Gary Goren
William Justus
Ross Meyer
Gloria Regensberg
David Swanson (Vice Chair)
Duane Washkowiak (Chair)

Citizens Present:
Darlene Justus
Barbara Sherman

Guests Present:
Bob Whitworth, PHX ATCT Manager

(MEMBERS) Absent:
Sandeep Gopalan
Curtis Ritland
Alyson Star (Excused)
Connie Thompson (Excused)
Edwin R. Wiggington (Excused)

City Staff Present:
Gerald Koziol, Plan Check Engineer, Development Services Department
Oddvar Tveit, Environmental Quality Specialist, Water Utilities Department

Meeting convened at 6:33 p.m.
Duane Washkowiak called the meeting to order, and asked attendees to introduce themselves.

Agenda Item 2 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes (January 8, 2008)
The item was not addressed due to lack of quorum.

Agenda Item 3 – Updates From Staff
Appointments:
At the January 24, 2008 Council Meeting 3 new members were appointed to the Commission by the Mayor: Gary Goren, Alyson Star and Curtis Ritland. Two vacancies remain to be filled after Richard and Shannon.
Request for noise consulting services:
Getting a consultant to provide services was addressed in a meeting with Assistant City Manager two weeks ago. The proposal received from QED was discussed and noise contour modeling. The proposal included an assessment of the existing airport noise monitoring system and a look at the proximity of Tempe noise monitor locations to current flight paths.

City of Phoenix RFP for a NFTMS:
The Aviation Department had an RFP on the street for a Noise and Flight Track Monitoring System. The members were presented with a handout that included schedule and objectives for the system, and opened up for possible replacement of noise monitor microphones and communications. Several software application enhancements were requested in the RFP. Tempe staff supported the inclusion of a Voice Recorder option. The purpose of including the ability to handle airfield and flight activity data for billing purposes was explained.
TLC Class:
Newly appointed members and other members that previously had not received the TLC class was encouraged to attend the boards and commission member orientation class scheduled Tuesday, April 8, from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the TLC classroom at the Tempe Public Library.

Barbara Sherman joined the meeting at 6:55.

Agenda Item 4 – City code awareness when planning home insulation upgrades
Gerald Koziol talked about insulation requirements in residential areas. The following topics were addressed:
a) City Codes:
Tempe currently did not have noise insulation requirements for residential. The Phoenix RSMS have been using City of Phoenix energy codes for home upgrades under the Community Noise Reduction Program, which have brought eligible homes up to a higher standard than required by Tempe codes. In July 2008 the City's Development Services Department expected to have the same energy codes in place as in Phoenix. Condominiums along the Town Lake had to be built according to most current energy codes to get sold, and all new developments, as for example the Tempe Market Place, have been using the most current energy codes, because that is what the clients expected. The lack of requirements had prevented the City from including this in the plan check due to the lack of authority.
b) Accessing Energy Codes
Codes were listed, but not readily available because they belonged to the International Code Conference, which had made some codes readable on line at **www.ecodes.biz** , "Free Codes" and "Phoenix, Arizona". These codes, including the 2008 proposal, were accessible at Development Services in the Tempe City Hall.
c) Accomplishing Required Energy Efficiency: The R-standard for home insulation was R-19 in walls and R-30 in the ceiling, and there were options on how to accomplishing the energy efficiency standards by including compensating measures e.g. install better quality glass or a more efficient air conditioning unit to get to the required energy efficiency. The U.S. Department of Energy offered a free, easy to use software program called "REScheck", and for commercial called "COMcheck" for calculating energy efficiency for upgrades.

Follow up: Staff was asked to invite a code compliance inspector to address the members.

Agenda Item 5 – Recommendation to Mayor and Council on reorganizing the Aviation Commission
Duane announced a scheduled meeting with the Mayor, and that the suggestions on discussing a reorganization of the Commission was one of the topics he intended to bring up at the meeting. He also would try to get on the agenda for a Mayor's Breakfast meeting. No further discussion of recommending a reorganization of the Commission took place. The option of reducing the number of members was explained. It became relevant with the Council's recent approval of a common quorum requirement for the passage of any business before all City boards and commissions. A majority vote among the members in quorum would

no longer apply. A majority vote of the total number of members would be required at future meetings.

Agenda Item 6 – Commissioners' Business (topics for future discussion)
The following item was raised for future discussion:

- An invitation to the City of Glendale to promote increased airport capacity in the west valley.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances
Duane welcomed Bob Whitworth, who talked about his background and recent arrival to the Valley, how he was made aware of the Commission through a meeting with Barbara Sherman and TAVCO meeting minutes collected by the ATCT Manager Greg Smith, his predecessor, and his approach to the job, and the importance of having communication with the communities neighboring the airport. Darlene Justus expressed her appreciation of Bob's comments and invited him to Papago Park. She expressed concerns over the park's exposure to aircraft noise and noise impacts over adjacent residential areas particularly under a future 4th runway scenario.

Agenda Item 7 – Schedule Next TAVCO Meeting
Next meeting was scheduled to March 11, 2008.

Agenda Item 9 – Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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Authorized Signature
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