

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

TAVCO

February 12, 2025

Tempe Aviation Commission meeting held via virtual Microsoft Teams meeting with call in +1 (480) 498-8745,,711832620# United States, Phoenix (Toll) Conference ID: 711 832 620# at the Tempe Public Library Second Floor on February 12, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Alana Billingsley*
Jim Camargo
Lane Carraway
Lance Labun*
Aaron McBride*
Stuart Mitnik
Peter H. Schelstraete*
Desiree Walker*

(Members) Absent

Joel Hunter (Excused)

City Staff Present:

Kris Baxter, Communication & Marketing
Director
Lisette Camacho, Deputy City Manager
Jacob Payne, Principal Planner
Oddvar Tveit, Temporary Aviation Coordinator

* Participants attending remotely

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order & Introductions

Mr. Carraway calls the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances

Mr. Carraway confirms there is nobody present in person or online to address the commission.

Agenda Item 3 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes, January 8, 2025

Mr. Carraway asks if the members have reviewed the updated draft which included an edit proposed by Mr. Camargo distributed before the meeting. With affirmative answers he asks if other members have suggestions for changes or modifications to the updated draft. Hearing none, Mr. Carraway asks for a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Labun makes the motion to approve the January 8, 2025, meeting minutes. The motion is seconded by Mr. Mitnik. The updated draft is approved by a unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 4 – TAVCO Public Outreach

Mr. Tveit states that this item was requested discussed to explore ways for the Commission to reach out to the public and inform about the Commission's existence, which included the question of using social media. Ms. Baxter is here to give the Commission guidance. With Mr. Camargo's suggestion that the Commission should make use of one of the city's public events, he proposed having a Commission stand at the Neighborhood Celebration event in April, the proposal was put on the agenda as a separate item for discussion and potential action. Mr. Camargo confirms that the reason for his proposal was that the public participation at the special aviation event the Commission hosted in 2023 was quite low, only a few residents came. Ms. Camacho mentions that the other events the Commission could consider are the Community Walk in January and the G.A.I.N. (Getting Arizonans Involved in Neighborhoods) in the fall, where Tempe boards and commissions are participating. Mr. Carraway, who also serves on the Neighborhood Advisory Commission, expresses his preference is participation at the Neighborhood Celebration event in Kiwanis Park, because the prospect of having many residents attending is always good.

a) Stand at the Neighborhood Celebration Event, April 5, 2025

For city staff to start helping the Commission with a stand at the event, the following list of items were suggested:

- Tablecloth for the stand
- Board map where residents could put a thumb tack where they live under flight paths where aircraft noise is quite disturbing.
- PHX Noise Exposure contour map.
- Poster with historic information about the Tempe Airport.
- Flyer with information about aircraft noise and the Commission's mission, when and where meetings are held, how to apply for vacancies on the Commission and about the city web sites where more information is posted.
- List of Commission volunteers to help at the stand and supply a badge to members who do not have one.

Action: Ms. Baxter will contact a graphic designer to draft a flyer to Mr. Tveit, where residents easily can find links through QR codes to information and to make noise complaints.

b) Public outreach for City Boards and Commissions, available options

Ms. Baxter explains that the city does not promote the Boards and Commission themselves, but rather the work they do. The City works with staff to get information out if an issue needs to be addressed with the community. The city has media tools to do that. For example, information about the city receiving an excessive number of complaints about aircraft noise could be addressed in the rotation of city information postings. City Boards and Commission do not have social media accounts. There are so many of them and other concerns exist as well.

Agenda Item 5 – Commissioners' Business

Mr. Mitnik suggests:

1. Suspending commission meetings until the outcome of the political controversy over the FAA and reductions in federal employees. Mr. Carraway states that the topic is a national political issue and cannot be addressed as a future topic under the Commission's mandate. There is no indication that airport air traffic controller employees are or will be affected at this time.

Mr. Mitnik leaves the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Alana Billingsley proposes:

2. At the opening of the next meeting the Commission should take a moments silence to commemorate American Airlines AA5342 and the recent crashes in Philadelphia and at Scottsdale Airport. Mr. Tveit would follow up with the City of Phoenix regarding the possibility of getting PHX to attend and provide an update that includes accident preparedness and any cooperation with Tempe Fire.

Mr. Carraway added to the next agenda:

3. An update on preparations for the Commissions event, and a discussion of participation to create a list of volunteering members for the April 5th event.

Mr. Payne introduces himself and announces that the Community Development Department will be taking over liaison responsibilities for the Aviation Commission within the next few months

and he presents the following alternatives for the Commissioners to consider and vote on at the upcoming meeting:

1. The department is liaison for the Historic Preservation Commission which meets at the same time as the Aviation Commission. Options: a) Move meetings to the third Wednesday of the month. b) Move meetings to the first or third Tuesday of the month c) Move meetings to the first second or third Monday of the month.
2. Change meeting time to 6:00 p.m.
3. To facilitate the Commission's meetings, change location to the department's Conference Room in the City Hall. There are also meeting room options in the Westside Multi-Generational Center.

Agenda Item 6– Schedule Next TAVCO Meeting

Next meeting will take place at the Tempe Public Library 2, floor at the same time on March 12, 2025.

Agenda Item 7 – Adjournment.

Mr. Labun makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Billingsley seconds the motion. The motion is approved by a unanimous vote.

The meeting is adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Prepared by: Oddvar Tveit