



**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2013
MEETING OF THE O'HARE NOISE COMPATIBILITY COMMISSION
RESIDENTIAL SOUND INSULATION COMMITTEE**

The meeting of the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission Residential Sound Insulation Committee was held on September 18, 2013, at the Norridge Village Hall, 4000 N. Olcott, Norridge IL.

Committee Acting Chairperson Ms. Irvana Wilks called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. ONCC staff took the meeting minutes.

The following members of the Committee were **PRESENT**:

Trustee JoEllen Ridder, Designee, Village of Bensenville
Mr. Ron Sak, Designee, City of Chicago, 36th Ward
Ms. Catherine Dunlap, Designee, City of Chicago, 41st Ward
Mr. Ralph Sorce, Alternate, Village of Melrose Park
Ms. Irvana Wilks, Designee, Village of Mount Prospect
Mr. Brian Gaseor, Alternate, Village of Norridge
Mr. Lonnie Spires, Alternate, City of Park Ridge
Trustee Larry Fritz, Delegate, Village of Schiller Park

The following members of the Committee were **ABSENT**:

Cook County, Des Plaines, Rosemont and Wood Dale

There being a majority of Committee members in attendance, a quorum was present for the transaction of business.

The following staff were present:

Jeanette Camacho – O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission; Aaron Frame – Chicago Department of Aviation; and Arlene Williams – Cotter Consulting.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES–AUGUST 21, 2013 MEETING

There was a motion made by Trustee Ridder to approve the August 21, 2013 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Trustee Fritz. The meeting minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

PHASE 16 O'HARE RESIDENTIAL SOUND INSULATION PROGRAM

Ms. Williams reported that there are just over 1,000 homes in Phase 16; there are currently 1,013 homes signed up. Home inventories are complete on 99% of those homes. She mentioned that 2 out of the 5 contracts were awarded and field measurements will begin in Wood Dale and Bensenville. The other 3 contracts were being going out for bid later that day. She said that the State Preservation Agency has verified two historical homes, one each located in Bensenville and Wood Dale. These homes will be part of a 25 home bid package.

Ms. Wilks asked about the State Preservation Agency.

Mr. Frame explained that the State Preservation Agency has visited both homes and verified their status. The agency talked to staff about ways to preserve the original windows and other details.

Ms. Wilks asked if the windows on the historical homes will be taken out and replaced with new windows.

Mr. Frame explained that the goal is to sound insulate the home with minimal impact on the historical nature of the home.

Ms. Dunlap asked if the two historical homes have specific government status deeming them historical.

Mr. Frame said that the two homes are eligible to be listed as historical and it is the homeowner's decision to sign up for the process of officially deeming the home historical.

Ms. Dunlap said that it is a great benefit to these two homeowners who might have otherwise not known they were eligible to be on the National Registry of Historical Homes.

Trustee Ridder asked about the status of the historical home in Bensenville.

Mr. Frame explained that staff has met with the homeowner's son and will continue communication.

PHASE 17 O'HARE RESIDENTIAL SOUND INSULATION PROGRAM

Mr. Frame reported that Phase 17 consists of homes located Chicago and Park Ridge. The planning phase has been completed. He noted that these homes are the last homes that were identified as part of OMP's construction of Runway 9C/27C.

He noted that there may be a need for a clean-up phase in the future.

Mr. Frame presented committee members with booklets detailing the homes in Phase 17. Sound Insulation will be divided into sub-phases Phase 17A, 17B and 17C. Phases 17A and 17B will include portions of Park Ridge and Chicago. Phase 17C will include the remainder of Chicago homes which include the historical district located in Chicago Ward 41. He reminded members to use the booklet with discretion because it contains specific addresses.

Ms. Dunlap asked if homeowners are able to look on the Property Locator to verify if a home is eligible.

Mr. Frame said that they will be updating the Property Locator system to reflect the contents what was distributed in the booklets.

Mr. Frame mentioned that a few homes in Ward 41 were removed from Phase 17 because of their eligibility status. The FAA clearly sets the criteria for sound insulation and part of the eligibility criteria states: "if a home has been built after September 30, 2005 or modified more than 90% of its original structure, the home is not eligible for sound insulation."

Mr. Frame noted that Phase 17 will take about two years to be completed.

Ms. Dunlap asked that block-rounding be explained.

Mr. Frame explained that ONCC adopted a Fairness Policy that states; "when the noise contour cuts through the middle of a block, the remaining homes on that block up until the next intersection or street name change will be sound insulated providing they meet the eligibility criteria."

OTHER BUSINESS

Next ONCC Residential Sound Insulation Committee Meeting – October 16, 2013

Ms. Wilks informed members that the next meeting will be held on October 16, 2013 at the Norridge Village Hall.

COMMENTS FROM THE MEMBERS

Mr. Frame mentioned in October a presentation regarding high-rise buildings will be conducted and in November a presentation of the status of historical homes will be presented.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

A Norridge resident said that his home is in line with one of the runways and didn't understand why his home does not qualify for sound insulation.

Mr. Frame explained that only homes that are within the OMP 65 DNL noise contour qualify for sound insulation per FAA's guidelines.

A Schiller Park resident wondered when construction will begin on his home.

Mr. Frame responded that correspondence was mailed to residents stating that the contracts needed to go out for re-bid. He said that staff has no control over contracts. The City of Chicago Procurement Department makes the decision on awarding contracts.

Mr. McGovern wondered when construction will begin on his home.

Mr. Frame responded that he will talk to Mr. McGovern off-line.

Mr. Luberta, a Harwood Heights resident, complained about low flying aircraft noise and constant aircraft traffic over his residence.

Mr. Frame explained that the nighttime traffic over his home will shift to another runway on October 17, 2013.

Mr. Herbuit, a Norridge resident, said that sound insulation should be extended to other areas.

Ms. Wilks explained that sound insulation is determined by FAA guidelines.

Mr. Frame explained that sound insulation is being done for future noise impact per the OMP full build-out.

Ms. Dunlap said that the contour is very complex and many sources of information determine the 65 DNL noise contour.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by **Mr. Sak** and seconded by **Trustee Ridder**. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.