



**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 18, 2010
MEETING OF THE
O'HARE NOISE COMPATIBILITY COMMISSION
RESIDENTIAL SOUND INSULATION COMMITTEE**

The meeting of the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Residential Sound Insulation Committee was held on August 18, 2010, at the Village of Norridge, 4000 N. Olcott Avenue, Norridge, IL.

Committee Chairperson Frank Damato called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. ONCC staff took the meeting minutes.

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

Mr. Frank A. Damato, Designee, Cook County
Clerk JoEllen Ridder, Alternate, Village of Bensenville
Alderman Mark Walsten, Alternate, City of Des Plaines
Mr. William Esposito, Alternate, Village of Franklin Park
Mayor Irvana Wilks, Member, Village of Mount Prospect
Clerk Judith Dunne Bernardi, Designee, Village of Norridge
Mr. Steve Cutaia, Alternate, City of Park Ridge
Mr. Kevin Barr, Alternate, Village of Schiller Park

The following member of the Committee was **ABSENT**:

Itasca, Melrose Park, 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:

Brendan McLaughlin – O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission; Maria Gutierrez – Chicago Department of Aviation; and Arlene Williams - Chicago Airports Resources Enterprise (CARE).

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – May 19, 2010, MEETING

There was a motion made by **Alderman Walsten** to approve the May 19, 2010, meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by **Mr. Esposito**. The meeting minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

2008 RESIDENTIAL SOUND INSULATION PROGRAM

Ms. Williams reported that the 2008 program contracts have been awarded. The contracts were split into 4 packages which included: 500 and 200 home packages awarded to Blinderman Construction; 100 homes contract awarded to Classic Gutters; and 200 homes contract awarded to Sound Solutions. Construction is complete on the two 200 unit contracts and the 100 unit contract. Work is ongoing in Chicago and Schiller Park which are part of the 500 unit contract, which is scheduled to be completed in February 2011. Most of the work in the 2008 program year is on six flats. There are some individual homes that were added as "catch up" units from areas previously completed. CARE has added a few new procedures to aid in completing multi-family residences, especially for those units where one resident serves as contact and also holds down full time employment and there is not a property management company to interact with.

2009 RESIDENTIAL SOUND INSULATION PROGRAM

Ms. Williams reported that all home owner briefings are complete. 740 owners have signed up for the program. The Schiller Park alternates will be added to the 2009 Program Year. Homeowner briefing will be held in September and bids will be solicited in October. Mr. Bill Stephan and Ms. Williams toured the Schiller Park condos and townhomes and there will have to be a little design tweaking for some of the townhouse window units.

Mr. Damato asked if there is an issue with foreclosures and the ability to access the units. Ms. Williams responded that in some cases they are able to access the units and in some cases, either due to by-laws or an inability to track down the owner/mortgage holder, they are not able to get access. They will go back when requested by a new owner, but there could be slight differences in the window if a different manufacturer wins the bid in future years. They will make an effort to get the windows to match. Ms. Gutierrez suggested that the ONCC establish a policy on foreclosures. After some discussion it was the committee's direction to have staff prepare a recommended policy for their consideration.

2010 O'Hare Residential Sound Insulation Program

Ms. Gutierrez gave a brief summary of the 2010 Program Year.

ONCC Resolution 2010-3 which designates 1,185 potential participants in Chicago, Rosemont and Bensenville and also outlines the block rounding policy was approved by ONCC in June 2010. There are 177 multi-family units in Chicago, 84 single family units in Rosemont, 201 multi-family units in Rosemont and 343 single family and 380 multi-family units in Bensenville. She is currently working on producing the book detailing addresses and maps of those eligible. It should be available for our September meeting. Invitations to briefing sessions will go out in November. Bensenville Village Clerk JoEllen Ridder suggested that a status letter go out as Bensenville is receiving a number of calls regarding the program. This request was supported by the rest of the committee.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. 2010 ONCC Meetings Schedules

Mr. McLaughlin informed everyone that the next ONCC Residential Sound Insulation Committee meeting will be held on September 15, 2010.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mr. Greg Jovan (sp) described himself as an owner of a property that is between two runways and is outside of the 65 DNL Noise Contour. He was curious how the sound is measured and how the eligibility line is determined.

Ald. Walsten explained that there has to be a line someplace and as a result there will always be properties just outside the line. He has tried to get the line expanded for over three years but has not had any success.

Mr. Irv Pine of 5800 N. Oketo was awoken early this morning and was sent to the meeting by his wife. He wanted to find out if they are eligible for sound insulation and when it might be installed. It was determined that his home is eligible and is awaiting a program year. It is expected that his home would be insulated no later than December 2014.

Ms. Maria Affatigato of 2515 Oakton in Park Ridge expressed her thoughts to the committee and that Park Ridge needs relief from the noise and was glad to see the city represented at ONCC.

Mr. Steve Martini of Schiller Park noted that he was inside the eligibility contour and was wondering if he needed to do anything additional to sign up for the sound insulation program. He was informed that he did not need to do anything additional. There are over 3,000 units that remain to have a program year assigned and as each area is selected, the residents of that area will be notified based on the City of Chicago's eligibility list for that area.

Mayor Wilks explained the contour draws a line of the 65 DNL and doesn't mean that other residents are not impacted by aircraft noise. Mount Prospect residents are not within the 65 DNL but certainly are impacted by aircraft noise. She suggested improvements people can make on their own that help insulate your home from noise and improve the value of their home. Improvements could include ceiling insulation, roofing, new air conditioning and new windows. She made many of these improvements to her home and it has helped to reduce the noise impacts from the aircraft. The value of her home also increased.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by **Norridge Village Clerk Bernardi** and seconded by **Mayor Wilks**.

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.