



**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MAY 20, 2009, 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 May 20, 2009, at the Norridge Village Hall, 4000 Olcott Avenue, Norridge, IL.

Committee Chairperson Frank A. Damato called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. ONCC staff took the meeting minutes.

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

Frank A. Damato, Designee, Cook County
Mr. Ralph Sorce, Alternate, Village of Melrose Park
Mayor Irvana Wilks, Member, Village of Mount Prospect
Ms. Judith Dunne Bernardi, Designee, Village of Norridge
Mr. Steve Cutaia, Alternate, City of Park Ridge
Mr. Brian Baugh, Alternate, Village of Rosemont
Trustee Larry Fritz, Alternate, Village of Schiller Park
Alderman Eugene Wesley, Alternate, Village of Wood Dale

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

City of Des Plaines

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

The following staff were present:

Brian Gilligan – O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission; Jeanette Camacho – O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission; Aaron Frame – Chicago Department of Aviation; Maria Gutierrez – Chicago Department of Aviation; and
Arlene Williams - Chicago Airports Resources Enterprise (CARE).

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 15, 2009, MEETING

There was a motion made by **Ms. Bernardi** to approve the April 15, 2009, meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by **Mr. Sorce**. The meeting minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

2006 GROUP B/2007 O'HARE RESIDENTIAL SOUND INSULATION PROGRAM UPDATES

Ms. Williams reported that the 2006 Group B/2007 O'Hare Residential Sound Insulation Program is now complete. She mentioned that Classic Gutters had no liquidated numbers and did an excellent job on the Program.

2008 RESIDENTIAL SOUND INSULATION PROGRAM

Ms. Williams reported that a pre-bid was going to be held later in the afternoon for a 500-home package. To attract bidders, the package will be split into three parts: two – 200-home packages and one – 100-home package. She mentioned there is a problem with the condo units not responding. She added that there is an apartment complex in Bensenville that has not responded to the program.

Ms. Bernardi asked if any of the non-responsive condo units have management companies.

Ms. Williams replied that all it would take is for one person in the building to take charge and handle the paperwork that needs to be filled out in order to be in the Program.

Alderman Wesley asked if there has been any outreach to the new Mayor of Bensenville.

Mr. Frame said that the Commissioner of the Department of Aviation has met with the new Mayor of Bensenville to discuss various topics of mutual interest.

Alderman Wesley indicated that he has been working with Bensenville since the change and would facilitate a meeting if necessary.

2009 RESIDENTIAL SOUND INSULATION PROGRAM

Ms. Gutierrez distributed member booklets for the 2009 O'Hare Residential Sound Insulation Program. The booklets contain the addresses for the 2009 O'Hare Residential Program.

She mentioned that the O'Hare Property Locator should be updated within the next couple of weeks so that residents can log on to see if they qualify for the Program.

Mr. Frame said that the next steps will include completion of the planning phase for the Program. The City of Chicago has submitted an application to the FAA for Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) funds for the completion on the program. The FAA is expected to approve the application by the Fall. The next steps, once the application is approved, will be to go into design, which will help with the specs, and then to go into the construction phase.

Mr. Frame suggested that the Committee consider changing one of the upcoming Residential Sound Insulation meetings, since there will nothing to report until the approval of the FAA PFC application.

Alderman Wesley asked how many more homes the PFC grant will cover.

Mr. Frame replied that approximately 4,500 homes will be covered with the PFC application, if it is approved.

Improvements to the 311 O'Hare Noise Complaint Calls

Ms. Gutierrez reported that staff has been working with the City of Chicago's 311 Center to improve the service for handling O'Hare Noise Complaint calls. She said that soon residents will be able to access the Internet to input the disturbance as an alternative to calling the 311 hotline. She showed a list of questions that the operators will now ask when residents call the hotline. The Internet option should be up and running soon.

Mr. Frame added that the list of questions on the website will keep it simple and will be easy to download.

Ms. Bernardi suggested adding "loud aircraft" as a type of disturbance to the list of options.

Mr. Frame said that they will revisit the list if it becomes an issue.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. "Noise 101" Session – June 19, 2009

Mr. Gilligan informed committee members that a "Noise 101" session will be held on June 19, 2009. He encouraged members who are interested to attend this informational meeting.

Mr. Gilligan also mentioned that a number of members will be attending an O'Hare Control Tower Tour on Friday, June 26, 2009. He said that another date will be identified for other interested members to attend.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS

Mr. Cutaia mentioned that the City of Park Ridge is very pleased with how the Program operated in the community.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mr. John Ruchalski, a Chicago resident, complained of aircraft flying over his home every 3-5 minutes. He said that he is being awakened during the nighttime hours because of aircraft noise. He wondered if Edison Park will be included in any sound insulation.

Mr. Frame replied that only homes that are inside the noise contour are eligible for sound insulation. He mentioned that residents can call the Residential Inquiry Line to find out if their home qualifies (773) 894-3255.

Pat McGovern, a Wood Dale resident, asked if all the homes that qualify in Wood Dale are now complete with sound insulation.

Mr. Frame responded that Wood Dale Phase I has started and there are about 400 homes left in the program.

Mr. Richard Lubberda, a Harwood Heights resident, complained of heavy arrivals over his home. He suggested shutting down the airport between the hours of 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. He also mentioned that he would like to hear more about improving pilot training for nighttime hours. He asked that the arrivals be split between runways.

Mr. Frame replied that the FAA is distributing traffic and that in the past several months the wind directions were different, instead of in the normal east/west pattern.

Mr. Mike Kozyra, a Chicago resident, wondered if sound insulation was going to be done in his area.

Ms. Dorothy Sywanski, a Chicago resident, asked if the list of addresses provided to members will be available online. She also wondered what the timeframe is for sound insulation.

Mr. Frame replied that the residents can go online to the O'Hare Property Locator and enter their address to see if they are in the Program. He noted that, for the 2009 Program year, residents should know if they are in the Program sometime during the November 2009 timeframe.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by **Alderman Wesley** and seconded by **Mr. Sorce**. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.