

ONCC Technical Committee Meeting Approved Minutes – August 20, 2019

The O’Hare Noise Compatibility Commission Technical Committee met on Tuesday, August 20, 2019, at Mount Prospect Village Hall, 50 S. Emerson, Mount Prospect, IL

ONCC Technical Committee Chair Catherine Dunlap called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. ONCC staff recorded the minutes.

The following committee members were PRESENT:

Mr. Evan Summers, Designee, Village of Bensenville
Mr. Peter Bialek, Member, Chicago, 39th Ward
Committee Chair Catherine Dunlap, Member, Chicago, 41st Ward
Committeeman John Arena, Member, Chicago Ward 45
Mr. Jon Kunkel, Designee, Village of Hanover Park
Mr. Brian Gaseor, Designee, Village of Norridge
Mayor Arlene Juracek, Member, Village of Mount Prospect
Mr. Elias Koutas, Alternate, Village of Palatine
Mr. Ernie Kowoser, Alternate, City of Park Ridge
Committee Vice Chair Dennis Ryan, Designee, River Grove
Ms. Karyn Robles, Designee, Village of Schaumburg
Alderman Art Woods, Designee, City of Wood Dale
Mr. Brian Gilligan, Alternate, School District 59

The following committee members were ABSENT:

Chicago 40th Ward, Des Plaines, Harwood Heights, Itasca and Rolling Meadows

The following ONCC and Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) staff members were present:

Aaron Frame and Vildana Celik – CDA; Jeanette Camacho – ONCC; Ryan Anderson – Landrum & Brown; and Maura El Metennani and Fran Guziel – ONCC Consultant.

Approval of Minutes – May 14, 2019

Mr. Ryan moved, and Mr. Kosower seconded a motion to approve the May 14, 2019 ONCC Technical Committee meeting minutes. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Noise Monitor Updates

Ms. Celik reported that all eight noise monitors are available for resident use. The municipal noise monitor was deployed to Niles on July 22. She reported that information was available on the CDA website for those interested in reserving a noise monitor in two-week deployments.

The long-term portable noise monitor located in Chicago Ward 39 had a reading of 59.2 for the month of June. Readings for April and May were not recorded due to background noise such as tree trimming. There was damage and the monitor was repaired in May.

Mr. Anderson also reported on noise monitor replacement for 2019. The CDA is upgrading all existing sites; 17 sites have been upgraded and five sites are scheduled for the remainder of 2019. There are 36 monitors. He said that the CDA would replace one monitor that is currently on the utility pole with a mast. The upgrade would also include new wireless modems for 13 sites in 2019.

Mr. Anderson reported that the CDA has more monitors than any other city. He said most use the same system. The difference is there is not the same brand for all and that they “cherry pick” the best fit.

311 Modernization System Update

The CDA reported that they completed:

- Added a full list of Chicago airports and heliports for more precise data analysis
- Reworked flex question #6 (address other than home address) to make it optional and conditional –(April 8, 2019)
- Created a new ANMS Noise Complaint Report –(May 3, 2019)
- Added a service request automatic e-mail response message –(May 15, 2019)

Pending requests

- Separating address fields for easier and more accurate reporting
- Adding a disclaimer about reporting verifiable addresses only

For consideration

- Create a new service request for portable noise monitors
- Respond to inquiries/complaints
- Outreach to residents on topics like nighttime construction impacts, meetings, and special topics

Ms. Dunlap commented that different municipalities want different requests and they would be looking for commonality regarding what the reports should look like; it would be a collaborative process.

MD80 Comparison to Boeing 737

CDA staff presented a comparison chart of the MD80 and the Boeing 737. They reported that American Airlines will fly its last MD80 at O’Hare on September 4. The graphic illustrated that the 737 has a noise impact on arrivals while the MD80 has an impact on departures. There will still be MD80s at O’Hare and the committee requested the fleet mix for airlines operating out of O’Hare. Ms. Dunlap wants to learn what the next loudest aircraft is at O’Hare to reach out to those airlines flying that type of aircraft. She requested that report for the next Technical Committee meeting.

2nd Quarter 2019 Fly Quiet Report

Mr. Anderson reviewed the Q2 2019 Fly Quiet Report. The average start time of Fly Quiet was 11:12pm, average stop time 5:43am, with an average of 96 operations, average time of 6:31 minutes. 28R was most used departure runway with 35 percent. 10C most used arrival runway with 34 percent. This was not the normal Fly Quiet runway, there were closures due to construction on the north airfield.

Mayor Juracek requested that there be a wind monitor on the report in the future.

Ms. Dunlap said that letters were sent to United Airlines and she and Ms. Camacho would be attending cargo manager meetings.

Airfield Changes

Mr. Frame reported on Airfield Changes. 28R hold pad is being de-commissioned. Will help traffic flow for planes coming out of terminal 5 and general congestion in that area.

Taxiway network is being reconfigured around central de-icing pad. replaces de-icing at the gates, which could time out by the time they got to the taxiway.

Taxiway Delta has been extended. Remnants of the old 14L 22R runway pavement still in place but not available for use. Below that is pavement of the new runway ((C 27C) coming online next November. The runway is extra wide a longer, designed for the largest aircraft.

Construction work continues, pavement will be finished to the west end, will be completed by next summer. It was noted that there was less air traffic to the northeast due to the closure of 4L 22R for pavement reconstruction.

Ms. Dunlap wanted to know if there was anything different with these changes to which Mr. Frame responded that yes to the northeast there would be fewer flights. However, most people would not notice the change because if the wind stayed strong the controllers would switch to Runway 22.

Mr. Summers questioned the chemicals involved in de-icing to which Mr. Frame assured him there was a stormwater runoff system.

Ms. Dunlap announced that the O'Hare airfield tour would be on September 26 and please contact Ms. Camacho to reserve your space. There are 15 seats available.

Next Technical Committee meeting will be held on September 17, 2019.

Comments from the Audience

Mr. Dwyer reminded the committee that there were still five permanent noise monitors that had not been installed and activated. He requested the data since there have not been any updates on the matter to which Mr. Frame responded that it is on the workplan for 2020.

Adjournment

Mr. Ryan moved to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Gaesor seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 10.30 am.