



APPROVED MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 4, 2009

The meeting of the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC) was held on Friday, December 4, 2009, at Rosewood Banquets in Rosemont, IL.

Commission Vice-Chairperson Dr. Raymond J. Kuper called the meeting to order at 8:05 A.M. ONCC staff took the meeting minutes.

The following members were **PRESENT**:

Mr. Jeffrey Bohner, Alternate, Village of Arlington Heights
Mayor Frank Soto, Member, Village of Bensenville
Deputy Commissioner Christopher Arman, Alternate, City of Chicago
Mr. Frank A. Damato, Designee, Cook County
Mayor Martin Moylan, Member, City of Des Plaines
Trustee Alan Kaminski, Alternate, Village of Elmwood Park
Mayor Barrett Pederson, Member, Village of Franklin Park
Mr. Michael Hankey, Alternate, Village of Hoffman Estates
Mayor Jeffrey Pruyn, Member, Village of Itasca
Mr. Ralph Sorce, Alternate, Village of Melrose Park
Mayor Irvana Wilks, Member, Village of Mount Prospect
Mr. Joseph Annunzio, Alternate, Village of Niles
Ms. Judith Dunne Bernardi, Designee, Village of Norridge
Mayor Jeffrey Sherwin, Member, City of Northlake
Mr. Galen Gockel, Alternate, Village of Oak Park
Ms. Rita Mullins, Alternate, Village of Palatine
Mayor David Schmidt, City of Park Ridge, City of Park Ridge
Mr. Dale Rider, Alternate, Village of River Forest
Mr. Barry Krumstok, Alternate, City of Rolling Meadows
Mr. Donald Storino, Jr., Alternate, Village of Rosemont
Ms. June Johnson, Alternate, Village of Schaumburg
Trustee Larry Fritz, Alternate, Village of Schiller Park
Trustee Marco Paz, Alternate, Village of Stone Park
Mayor Kenneth Johnson, Member, City of Wood Dale
Superintendent Daniel Schweers, Member, School District 59
Mr. Roy Jensen, Alternate, School District 64
Mr. Kerry Leiby, Alternate, School District 80
Mr. John Barry, Alternate, School District 84 and 84 ½
Dr. Raymond J. Kuper, Alternate, School District 86
Superintendent Eva Smith, Member, School District 87
Ms. Debra Parenti, Alternate, School District 214
Dr. Robert Lupo, Member, School District 234
Superintendent Douglas Rudig, Member, School District 401

The following members were **ABSENT**:

Bartlett, Bellwood, Harwood Heights, Maywood, Northlake, River Grove, School Districts 63, 81, 85 ½, 88, 89 and 299.

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

The following ONCC, City of Chicago and Chicago Department of Aviation staff were present:

Brian Gilligan – O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission; Jeanette Camacho – O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission; Joe Deal – City of Chicago; Arlene Williams – Chicago Airports Resource Enterprise (CARE); Jeffrey Jackson – Landrum & Brown; and Maria Gutierrez – Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Members and staff said the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NOVEMBER 6, 2009 MEETING

Ms. Bernardi moved and **Mr. Damato** seconded that the minutes of the November 6, 2009 ONCC meeting be approved. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

WELCOMES

Dr. Kuper recognized the following individuals who were present at the meeting: June Taylor – American Airlines; Janie Morrison – State Senator Dan Kotowski; Kitty Weiner – Congressman Peter Roskam; Ann Limjoco – Congresswoman Janice Schakowsky; and Captain John Jirschele – American Airlines.

ACTION ITEM

A. FY2010 O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC) Budget – Report by Norridge Village Clerk Judith Dunne Bernardi

Ms. Bernardi reported that the ONCC's Ad Hoc Budget Committee met via conference call on November 24, 2009. Committee members spent time thoroughly reviewing each budget line item and the corresponding dollar figures.

She recognized the following Commission members for taking time from their busy schedules to participate in the budget review process for which she served as Chairperson: Kevin Barr of Schiller Park; Jessica Donato of Schiller Park School District 81; Cheryl Flinn of School District 234; Barry Krumstok of Rolling Meadows; and Jo Ellen Ridder of Bensenville.

The Committee members discussed the budgeted amount of \$256,000 for fiscal year 2010, which begins January 1, 2010.

This budget as presented included the following key items: 1) no salary increases; 2) keeping the benefits stipend the same as 2009; 3) responsible use of monies for meetings and travel; and 4) continued focus on outreach and education.

Ms. Bernardi thanked members of the Ad Hoc Budget Committee for their participation, the City of Chicago for funding this Organization, and Commission members and staff for their support and hard work.

A motion was made by **Mr. Krumstok** to approve the FY2010 ONCC Budget Committee. The motion was seconded by **Dr. Schweers**. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote

Arlington Heights – Yes	Rolling Meadows – Yes
Bartlett – Absent	Rosemont – Yes
Bellwood – Absent	Schaumburg – Yes
Bensenville - Yes	Schiller Park –Yes
Chicago – Yes	Stone Park – Yes
Cook County – Yes	Wood Dale – Yes
Des Plaines – Yes	District 59 – Yes
Elmwood Park –Yes	District 63 – Absent
Franklin Park – Yes	District 64 – Yes
Harwood Heights - Absent	District 80 – Yes
Hoffman Estates – Yes	District 81 – Absent
Itasca - Yes	District 84 – Yes
Maywood –Absent	District 84.5 - Yes
Melrose Park – Yes	District 85.5 – Absent
Mount Prospect – Yes	District 86 – Yes
Niles – Yes	District 87 –Yes
Norridge – Yes	District 88 – Absent
Northlake – Absent	District 89 – Absent
Oak Park – Yes	District 214 – Yes
Palatine – Yes	District 234 – Yes
Park Ridge – Yes	District 299 – Absent
River Forest – Yes	District 401 – Yes
River Grove – Absent	

B. Establishment of 2010 ONCC Ad Hoc Nominating Committee Recommendation – Slate 2010

Dr. Kuper reported that according to the Commission’s By-laws it needs to set up a Nominating Committee that will recommend individuals to serve in the roles of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Treasurer for 2010.

The members for the 2010 Nominating Committee will be: Mayor Arlene Jezierny of Harwood Heights - Chairperson; Trustee Alan Kaminiski of Elmwood Park; Dr. Daniel Schweers of School District 59; Dan Barrie of School District 63; and Ralph Sorce of Melrose Park.

The Committee will meet before the next ONCC meeting on February 5, 2010, to provide recommendations for the offices of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Treasurer. If anyone is interested in serving in any of these roles, they should contact Mayor Jezierny.

A motion was made by **Ms. Mullins** to approve the establishment of 2010 ONCC Ad Hoc Nominating Committee. The motion was seconded by **Mr. Damato**. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

C. Establishment of ONCC Executive Director Search Committee

Mr. Gilligan reported ONCC will need to formalize the appointment of the members of the ONCC Executive Director Search Committee . These members will be: Mayor Jeffrey Sherwin, Chairperson; Mayor Arlene J. Mulder; Dr. Raymond J. Kuper; Joe Deal of the City of Chicago; Mr. Barry Krumstok of Rolling Meadows; Ms. Debra Parenti of School District 214; and Mr. David Strahl of Mount Prospect.

A motion was made by **Mrs. Mullins** to approve the establishment of the ONCC Executive Director Search Committee. The motion was seconded by **Mr. Gockel**. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

REPORT OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION – DEPUTY COMMISSIONER CHRISTOPHER ARMAN FOR COMMISSIONER ROSEMARIE S. ANDOLINO

A. June – August 2009 Airport Noise Management System (ANMS) Reports

Mr. Arman reported that all contractual issues have been resolved and that the Airport Noise Management System (ANMS) reports are being produced and will be up to date within the coming weeks.

Mr. Jeffrey Jackson reported on the August 2009 ANMS report. The most-used departure runway for August 2009 was 32L at 40% and for arrivals Runway 27L was at 21%. The night time departures on Runway 32L totaled 41 operations and arrivals on Runway 14R totaled 34 operations. Total operations for the month of August 2009 were 2,176. The complaint calls totaled 1,649 from 447 callers during all hours; nighttime calls totaled 521 calls from 240 callers.

Mr. Arman asked when members can expect the September 2009 reports.

Mr. Jackson replied that they would be ready for dissemination by the following week.

B. January – June 2009 “Average Day Aircraft Noise Events” (85/65dB Events)

Mr. Jackson reviewed the January – June 2009 “Average Day Aircraft Noise Events”. He said that the chart was created at the request of the ONCC’s Technical Committee. The chart contains the number of aircraft events at two thresholds: 65dB and 85dB.

C. 2009 O’Hare Residential Funding Status Report

Mr. Arman reported that the Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) filed an Airport Improvement Program (AIP) application with the FAA earlier this year that would allow funds to be allocated for the 2009 and future Program Years which result from the O’Hare Modernization Program (OMP). At this time, the CDA is still waiting to hear back from the FAA. In the interim, letters were sent to all homeowners in the 2009 Program area advising them of their eligibility to participate in the Program..

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON – ONCC Vice-Chairperson Dr. Raymond J. Kuper

A. FAA Noise Research Roadmap Workshop – December 10-11, 2009

Mayor Mulder will attend the FAA Noise Research Roadmap Workshop in Washington, D.C., to be held on December 10-11, 2009. She was invited to relate to researchers and FAA officials her view of how aircraft noise irritates community tranquility, disturbs sleep and generally reduces quality of life. While this is the first onsite meeting Mayor Mulder has attended with the group, she has participated in several conference calls over the past few months to lay the groundwork for the task of reevaluating the federal noise metric standard.

B. ONCC Executive Director Position Status Update

The Search Committee has posted the job description for ONCC Executive Director on its website, www.oharenoise.org; the government website, www.govtjobs.com; and other relevant websites. The Search Committee will evaluate all responses, but if it is necessary to expand the search, they will consider using **CareerBuilder** and the **Chicago Tribune**.

Qualifications for this position include five to seven years of experience in association administration management, governmental, or public relations. A bachelor’s degree is required and a master’s degree is preferred in a related field of study.

For now requirements include a resume and cover letter describing interest and relevant skills to be sent electronically to jobs@oharenoise.org, before December 31, 2009. No phone calls or faxes will be accepted.

Dr. Kuper thanked the search committee members, who include, in addition to Dr. Kuper, Northlake Mayor Jeffrey Sherwin, Chairperson; Mayor Arlene Mulder; Barry Krumstok, Rolling Meadows; Debra Parenti, District 214; Joe Deal, Chicago; and David Strahl, Mount Prospect.

C. O’Hare School Sound Insulation Program – Support for Elk Grove High School, Ridgewood High School and Carpenter Elementary School

Dr. Kuper reported that the School Sound Insulation Committee has decided to take a delegation to Washington, D.C., on December 9, 2009, to meet with Catherine Lang, FAA Acting Administrator to Airports, in order to present evidence in support of the eligibility status of three schools: Elk Grove High School in Elk Grove Village, Ridgewood High School in Norridge, and Carpenter Elementary School in Park Ridge. Mayor Mulder; Dr. Robert Lupo, School District 234 Superintendent and Vice-Chairperson of the School Sound Insulation Committee; Debra Parenti, School District 214 Associate Superintendent plan to take all the correspondence, resolutions and noise data to convince the FAA that their decision is unprecedented and should be changed.

Technical Committee Report – Ms. Rita Mullins, Chairperson ONCC Technical Committee

Ms. Mullins reported that the Technical Committee reviewed June and July ANMS reports and questioned again the months-old delay in delivery of these vital statistics.

The Chicago Department of Aviation explained that an ANMS upgrade that was supposed to take 9 months is now nearing two years. Completion is projected for two months when we expect prompt reporting will be the standard. Complaint calls rose significantly in July. The DOA attributed aircraft noise to: construction that put one runway out of service until the end of October, wind, and runway length.

Committee members requested the complaint call report include a breakout by telephone or Internet.

Regarding the Fly Quiet program, the Committee requested quarterly flight reports to reflect preferential flight track activity. In a lengthy discussion, Committee members urged the DOA to change three long-term temporary monitors to permanent status. The CDA has referred to these temporary monitors as an “experiment” that was scheduled to conclude in October 2009.

Itasca representatives emphatically stated their need for a permanent monitor as noise in their community has reached higher levels in recent months. All members agreed that as the OMP continues its build-out, newly impacted areas need data. A suggestion to use private, out-sourced monitors to track aircraft noise appears flawed because these monitors are not tied into the O’Hare/FAA radar system that feeds exclusive data into ANMS reports.

The Committee voted unanimously to send a request to DOA Commissioner Rosemarie Andolino asking her to designate permanent status to temporary monitors in Schiller Park, Niles and Itasca.

The Technical Committee also is requesting 3 portable monitors for communities obviously affected by the 2014 build-out and 3 additional portable monitors available to meet individual noise measurement requests.

Ms. Mullins asked members who share the Technical Committee’s goal to monitor and reduce aircraft noise, to approve the creation of an ONCC resolution. The resolution would state its rationale and request for three permanent monitors and six additional portable monitors.

The CDA provided a list of resident requests for portable noise monitors. The Committee agreed it is not necessary to duplicate noise measurements in houses less than 1/3 mile from a house measured for sound.

The Committee asked the CDA to send a letter to people on the deployment list, with a copy to appropriate mayors, telling them that monitoring is ongoing and should be completed by the end of January 2010.

The ONCC Flight Procedures Subcommittee will resume its activities in January with the CDA, airline representatives and others directly involved in an 18-step process to formalize flight arrivals via satellite-based navigation procedures, known as RNAV, at O'Hare International Airport.

In addition, the Technical Committee's work plan for the coming year includes a review of cargo flight adherence to the Fly Quiet program, research regarding *mandatory* Fly Quiet procedures, complete review of the Environmental Impact Statement, and projection of noise events at 85dB after the OMP is completed.

Residential Sound Insulation Committee Report – Mr. Frank A. Damato, Chairperson ONCC Residential Sound Insulation Committee

Mr. Damato reported that 1,000 dwelling units have been enrolled to date and home inventories are complete on all of these units. The alternates not entered into the 2008 Program Year will be put into the 2009 Program Year. The City of Chicago's Department of Procurement Services held pre-award meetings this week for all 4 construction contracts. Construction contracts should be awarded by the end of the year and field measurements will commence in January.

Letters were sent to all homes in the 2009 Program area advising them of their eligibility. The homeowner briefings will be held early next year.

The next Residential Committee meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 20, 2010, at the Schiller Park Village Hall at 9:30 A.M.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – MR. BRIAN GILLIGAN

A. November 2009 Financial Statements

Mr. Gilligan reported on expenses which totaled **\$17,865.67** for the month of November 2009.

A motion was made by **Mr. Krumstok** to approve the November 2009 expenses and was seconded by **Mayor Moylan**. The motion passed by roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote

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Bellwood – Absent

Rolling Meadows – Yes
Rosemont – Yes
Schaumburg – Yes

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B. 2010 ONCC Meetings Schedule

Mr. Gilligan provided a copy of the 2010 ONCC Meetings Schedule.

C. Next O’Hare Noise Compatibility Commission Meeting – February 5, 2010

Mr. Gilligan reported that the next ONCC meeting will be held on Friday, February 5, 2010.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Dr. Donald Walsh, President of Indian Woods Community Association, related that he represents about 218 homes where they have noticed a significant increase in aircraft activity. He is looking forward to receiving more information about the ONCC and thanked the ONCC for listening.

Ms. Deb Jordan, President of Elk Grove High School Instrumental Music Association, said that as a parent and a long-time resident of Elk Grove and is very familiar with aircraft noise issues. She stated that there is a tremendous impact on trying to teach children when there is aircraft noise activity constantly interrupting. She also stated that Elk Grove High School has the largest autism population and the children need to really focus because of their disability and cannot afford to be interrupted during teaching. She noted that childrens; test scores are being adversely affected as well when they are not able to concentrate. Children are also complaining of ear tendonitis which affects hearing, which is from being outside and having loud aircraft over them during outdoor activity.

Ms. Jennifer Perry, a Park Ridge Resident, asked how the Fly Quiet information is being communicated with stakeholders.

Mr. Arman said that the ONCC Technical Committee is working on steps to have stakeholders give direction on how to distribute the manuals and do not have a specific time frame.

Ms. Perry said that in September pilots met with the ONCC to discuss the RNAV/RNP procedures which are being used at other airports and the pilots told the committee that it can be used at O'Hare. However, a letter from Barry Cooper, FAA Great Lakes Administrator, states that current airspace complexities in and around Chicago, including multiple runway operations, preclude the near-term development of RNAV/RNP that would deviate from the standard "straight in" arrival. She asked why proceed with an airport improvement plan that precludes using the technology.

Mr. Arman replied that the ONCC Technical Committee has asked that CDA pursue the RNP procedures, which CDA will work on. The Technical Committee will help control the departure paths to ensure that aircraft maintain the best corridors under the Fly Quiet Program. It will help during the nighttime hours because there is less activity then. However, it is not safe for arrivals because aircraft have to line up within 5 miles of the airport and that will not change. RNP will not change approach patterns. The benefit will be during the nighttime.

Ms. Perry asked why it cannot be used during the daytime hours.

Mr. Arman replied that there are airspace issues and CDA will continue to work on the 18-step process.

Mr. Bill Dussling, President of the Board of Education for Township High School District 214 in Arlington Heights read the following statement:

"District 214 is comprised of six high schools, including Elk Grove High School in Elk Grove Village. On November 19, 2009, the District 214 School Board passed a resolution in support of the ONCC request for reconsideration of sound insulation funding eligibility for Elk Grove High School. As a founding member of ONCC, District 214 acknowledges and appreciates ONCC's on-going support of its efforts to obtain school sound insulation funding for Elk Grove High School.

Elk Grove High School serves approximately 2,000 students and 245 staff members. It had been part of the school sound insulation program since August 20, 1997. In February 2005, the ONCC passed a resolution supporting Elk Grove High School's eligibility for sound insulation funding. On June 29, 2005, and again on July 11, 2006, FAA letters to the ONCC acknowledged Elk Grove's eligibility for sound insulation. On February 28, 2007, an FAA representative met with District 214's administration to review the sound insulation proposal for Elk Grove High School and indicated that the school would be eligible for design development funding. The FAA met with architects to prepare a proposal with a cost estimate for the noise abatement work at the school. The project scope included roofing, mechanical, window and other sound insulation work. We included the \$575,000 FAA estimate for design grant in our 2008 budget to prepare construction and bid documents. District 214 deferred roofing and other capitol improvements at Elk Grove because those were included in the school insulation project. By the summer of 2009, the roof leaks at Elk Grove necessitated repairs that coast \$1.3 million. Shortly thereafter, on June 5, 2009, the ONCC received a letter from the FAA, rescinding Elk Grove's eligibility for sound insulation funding. As a result, the ONCC and District 214 are sending

representatives to Washington, D.C., next Wednesday, December 9, to meet with the FAA regarding this matter. I am hopeful that the FAA will make the right decision to support sound insulation for Elk Grove High School for the sake of our students and staff. On behalf on District 214 Board of Education, I thank you for your support.”

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Bernardi moved and **Mr. Krumstok** seconded that the meeting adjourn. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 9:15 A.M.

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