



APPROVED MEETING MINUTES JUNE 5, 2009

The meeting of the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC) was held on Friday, June 5, 2009, at Rosewood Banquets in Rosemont, IL.

Commission Chairperson Mayor Arlene J. Mulder called the meeting to order at 8:08 A.M. ONCC staff took the meeting minutes.

The following members were **PRESENT**:

Mayor Arlene J. Mulder, Member, Village of Arlington Heights
Mr. Roy McCampbell, Alternate, Village of Bellwood
Deputy Commissioner Christopher Arman, Alternate, City of Chicago
Mr. Frank A. Damato, Designee, Cook County
Mayor Martin Moylan, Member, City of Des Plaines
Alderman Mark Walsten, Alternate, City of Des Plaines
Trustee Alan Kaminski, Alternate, Village of Elmwood Park
Mayor Arlene Jezierny, Member, Village of Harwood Heights
Mayor Barrett Pedersen, Member, Village of Franklin Park
Trustee Michael Latoria, Alternate, Village of Itasca
Mr. Steve Zehner, Alternate, Village of Itasca
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. Robert Cole, Alternate, Village of Oak Park
Ms. Rita Mullins, Alternate, Village of Palatine
Mayor David Schmidt, Member, City of Park Ridge
Alderman Donald Bach, Alternate, City of Park Ridge
Mr. Dennis Ryan, Alternate, Village of River Grove
Mr. Barry Krumstok, Alternate, City of Rolling Meadows
Mr. Donald Storino, Jr., Alternate, Village of Rosemont
Ms. June Johnson, Alternate, Village of Schaumburg
Mr. Kevin Barr, 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. Dan Barrie, Alternate, School District 63
Ms. Jessica Donato, Alternate, School District 81
Mr. John Barry, Alternate, School District 84 and 84 ½
Superintendent Raymond J. Kuper, Member, School District 86
Ms. Debra Parenti, Alternate, School District 214
Ms. Lynn Crivello, Alternate, Chicago Public Schools

The following members were **ABSENT**:

Bartlett, Hoffman Estates, Maywood, Melrose Park, River Forest, School Districts 80, 85 ½, 87, 88, 89, 234 and 401.

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

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

Brian Gilligan – O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission; Jeanette Camacho – O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission; Assistant Commissioner Aaron Frame – Chicago Department of Aviation (DOA); Maria Gutierrez – Chicago Department of Aviation; Richard Kula – Federal Aviation Administration; and Jeffrey Jackson – Landrum & Brown.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Members and staff said the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MAY 1, 2009 MEETING

Ms. Bernardi moved and **Ms. Mullins** seconded that the minutes of the May 1, 2009, ONCC meeting be approved. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

WELCOMES

Mayor Mulder welcomed airline representatives – Chris Diaferio of Delta Airlines and June Taylor of American Airlines – to the June 5, 2009 ONCC meeting.

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

A. April 2009 Noise Reports

Mr. Jeffrey Jackson summarized the April 2009 O'Hare Airport Noise Management System (ANMS) Report. Runway 32L showed departures at 36%; for arrivals, the most-used runway was Runway 10, with a total of 24% arrivals. Nighttime departures on Runway 32L totaled 42; arrivals on Runway 10 were 29. The average daily operations for April 2009 totaled 2,090.

Complaint calls for April 2009 totaled 985 calls from 296 callers.

Alderman Bach noted that there are higher noise levels registered by the Park Ridge monitors. He said that it was because of the aircraft not staying on the preferential flight tracks. He asked if the nighttime usage is mostly cargo planes.

Mr. Jackson said he was not sure.

Alderman Bach said that residents are complaining about the nighttime noise over their homes. Large cargo aircraft are awakening residents during the nighttime hours.

Mayor Mulder stated that the North Control Tower is closed during the nighttime hours, so the North Runway cannot be used during the nighttime hours.

Alderman Bach said that there is an indication that the runway is being used at night.

Mr. Jackson replied that the FAA refers to nighttime use during the hours of 10 pm. – 6 a.m. The ANMS report shows nighttime use during the hours of 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.

Mr. Gilligan mentioned that the Fly Quiet Subcommittee will be meeting soon and will invite Mr. Dan Gadow who is Cargo Manager for Air France.

Mr. Arman suggested picking a certain time of the day for a specific occurrence to see what type of aircraft caused the disturbance.

Alderman Bach mentioned that residents are not receiving follow-up calls to their complaint calls. He stated that if residents know the specific aircraft that is causing the disturbance, then they can go and complain directly to the carrier.

Alderman Walsten requested the status of the portable noise monitor data that was recently obtained in Des Plaines.

Mr. Frame responded that he will follow up on Alderman Walsten's request.

Mayor Mulder asked for the data from the long-term portable monitors.

Mr. Frame replied that the data for sites A, B and C are given at the ONCC Technical Committee meetings only.

Mr. Zehner asked if it would be possible to have the data for sites A, B and C on the monthly ANMS report.

Mr. Frame replied that the data collected by the long-term portable monitors (sites A, B and C) are for purposes of discussion at the ONCC Technical Committee only.

B. 2009 O'Hare Summer Construction Program

Ms. Gutierrez referred to the O'Hare Summer Construction Program handout which detailed all of the Summer 2009 construction projects and improvements that will take place on the runways.

The purpose of the brochure is to keep residents informed about possible traffic-pattern changes that might affect their communities. Runway 10/28 will be closed during the nighttime hours and will shift usage to other runways. She noted that it is up to the FAA to decide what runways are used.

Alderman Bach asked if the FAA has talked about what other runways will be used during the construction season.

Mr. Frame replied that they have not engaged the FAA since the Fly Quiet meeting.

Alderman Bach asked how much more traffic will go over Park Ridge when runways are closed.

Mr. Arman replied that Runway 14R/32L is the next longest runway and may take the extra operations during construction.

Alderman Bach requested receiving the data he requested at the next meeting.

Mr. Arman responded that he will look into the matter.

Mayor Mulder stated that the T10 location should be avoided.

Mr. Arman replied that the T10 is mostly used during the daytime hours.

C. Telephone and Online Enhancements – O'Hare Noise Complaints

Mr. Frame reported that the staff is continuing to work on having the online complaint form for residents. The 311 Center will have specific questions when callers complain about aircraft noise. The online form should be up and running soon.

D. 2009 O'Hare Residential Sound Insulation Program Update

Mr. Frame reported that the City of Chicago has been moving in a positive direction with the sound insulation of single-family and multi-family homes in the communities surrounding O'Hare in conjunction with the O'Hare Modernization Program.

In February, the ONCC approved a formal resolution for the 2009 Residential Sound Insulation Program. At the last Residential Committee meeting, the Committee members received a 2009 Program Year booklet, identifying the locations and addresses of the eligible homes.

E. Hitch Elementary School Receipt of Federal Stimulus Funding

Mr. Frame announced that Hitch Elementary School in Chicago will be recipient of a \$6 million grant to address the effects of aircraft noise. The Federal Aviation Administration awarded Hitch Elementary, a Kindergarten through Grade 8 school on the Northwest Side of Chicago, the grant to help sound-insulate the building. The school sits about 7 miles from O'Hare International Airport. This grant comes from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act pool of monies.

Mr. Frame clarified a previous newspaper report that lead the public to believe that other improvements are being funded as part of the grant. He said that only sound insulation will be covered by the grant. The FAA identifies what is reimbursed.

Ms. Crivello added that the other project mentioned will be paid separately.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON – MAYOR ARLENE J. MULDER, VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

A. Initiation of New Study for Noise Measurements

Mayor Mulder reported that on May 18, 2009, Illinois Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky submitted Amendment H.R 915 to the FAA Reauthorization Bill to initiate a study that would determine whether or not averaging noise pollution from a runway over a 24-period was the best method for measurement. The amendment also challenged the FAA to determine a better method if indeed the current 24-hour average was incorrect. The amendment was withdrawn because the FAA has begun a study to investigate the efficacy of averaging aircraft noise pollution. The study is to be completed within one year.

Mayor Mulder thanked Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky for her strong support for this initiative and her work on the federal level; and Nancy LaBue, the FAA's Acting Assistant Administrator for Aviation Policy, Planning, and Environment, who responded to the ONCC's request in January for the re-examination of the metrics used for aircraft noise and its effects on communities living near major airport hubs.

B. O'Hare Noise Monitor Deployments

Mayor Mulder reported that some of the new ONCC members met a couple of weeks ago and received a briefing on the OMP, the Aircraft Noise Monitoring System and the full build-out noise contour and how it relates to sound insulation program decisions.

Currently there are 33 existing permanent monitoring locations in communities capturing data around the airport. These monitors have created important aircraft noise baselines. Currently, OMP is working with the full build-out noise contour as a guide for all of the sound insulation decisions, but when the OMP is complete and aircraft noise shifts, there may be need to readjust and redeploy some of the 33 permanent noise monitors that have served affected communities in the past. Staff will start working with the Chicago Department of Aviation to start the process of discussing possible redeployment for the future, and appreciates Commissioner Andolino's willingness to work with us on this effort.

Mayor Sherwin said that he would reject a motion for the removal of the monitor his community.

Mayor Schmidt said that he was under impression that no monitors will relocated.

Mayor Mulder responded that she met with Commissioner Andolino and discussed the matter and the Commissioner stated that she would consider it.

Mayor Schmidt suggested moving the monitors that are outside of what is being defined as future noise reductions.

Mayor Mulder said that the discussion can take place at the ONCC Technical Committee and then recommend changes to the City of Chicago. She noted that Park Ridge currently has the most noise monitors.

Mayor Schmidt noted that, with the new runway configurations of East to West, communities will be affected in new areas and more noise monitors will be needed.

Alderman Bach stated that the ONCC Technical Committee voted to request more monitors from the City of Chicago. He said that it is not fair for communities to argue among each other as to which monitors should be relocated.

Mr. Arman mentioned that many homes and schools have been sound-insulated through the City of Chicago voluntary program. He said that noise monitors do not change the eligibility for sound insulation. The City of Chicago continues to support new technology and by far is committed to the ONCC's efforts.

Ms. Mullins noted that sound insulation is identified by the noise contour. The noise monitors are just a snapshot of the noise. She said that the ONCC Technical Committee has been discussing how portable noise monitors should be distributed. There are current situations in which portable noise monitors are being requested by homeowners in close proximity to each other.

Mayor Jezierny said that she appreciates the airlines efforts to purchase aircraft that are quieter. She said that a 24-hour average is not a true noise level. Many residents are experiencing more noise during the daytime hours.

Alderman Bach commented that the City of Chicago is the 2nd largest operating airport and flights are being added every year. He reiterated the need for more noise monitors for communities that will continue to be affected.

C. FAA Response to Tracking Nighttime Usage on Runway 9L/27R

Mayor Mulder related that the FAA, per the request of ONCC, has been sending ONCC nighttime reports for 9L-27R. She reported that there were no nighttime flights past the designated time for the month of April 2009.

D. Land Use and Economic Development Workshop – Fall 2009

Mayor Mulder reported an upcoming ONCC Land Use Planning and Economic Development Workshop will be held later in the Fall. She extended an invitation to ONCC members and to regional transportation organizations, councils of government, community planners and economic development professionals from our region to meet and generate ideas for effective land use compatibility for O'Hare communities. She strongly believes that by listening and working together we can improve local and regional transportation and travel efficiency, while attracting business and create jobs for this area.

E. ONCC Executive Director Evaluation and Recommended Compensation for 2009

Mayor Mulder reported that the ONCC Executive Committee meet and discussed the ONCC's Executive Director's evaluation. The evaluation score was 4.91 on a scale of 5.0. The committee agreed not to increase salaries due to the current financial difficulties the City of Chicago and other entities are facing. She mentioned that the committee is working on extending Mr. Gilligan's contract.

A motion was made by **Ms. Mullins** to approve the ONCC Executive Director's evaluation. The motion was seconded by **Alderman Bach**. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Technical Committee Report – Chairperson Mayor Rita Mullins, Village of Palatine

Mayor Mullins stated that the Technical Committee met on May 26, 2009, in Mount Prospect.

The Committee reviewed the 2009 O'Hare Nighttime Construction Awareness Program, including the impacts over the next few months as a result of the taxiway work near Runway 10-28. The information resides on both the Chicago Airport System and ONCC Web sites.

The Committee spent a large portion of the meeting in discussion about the current and future portable and permanent noise monitors. She thanked Commissioner Andolino and her staff for being receptive to receiving suggestions from Committee members about how these monitors can best be deployed to reflect future conditions with continued development of the O'Hare Modernization Program.

The Commission's Fly Quiet Subcommittee will be moving forward with its Work Plan in the coming weeks and months. The next Subcommittee meeting will take place on Monday, June 22, 2009 at O'Hare International Airport.

The Department of Aviation has been working with two other city departments to implement an Internet-based option for residents to file aircraft noise complaints. Committee members provided additional feedback and are looking forward to seeing these enhancements in the next few days.

The next ONCC Technical Committee meeting will take place on August 25, 2009, in the Mount Prospect Village Hall.

Residential Sound Insulation Committee Report – Chairperson Frank A. Damato, Cook County

Mr. Damato reported that all work on the 2006 and 2007 Program Years homes is complete.

For the 2008 Program Year, 1,000 dwelling units have been enrolled to date and home inventories are complete on 80% of these units. Of the 176 alternates enrolled from the Park Ridge 2 area, 89 have been entered into the program. Alternates not entered into the 2008 contracts will be put into the 2009 contracts. The 500 homes in multi-unit buildings are currently being advertised for bids for construction. Bid opening is scheduled for June 10, 2009. Two of the 200-home and one of the 100-home contracts will be advertised for bids later this month. Smaller bid packages are being assembled to attract more bidders.

Invitations for the 2009 Program Year eligible dwellings will be mailed by the City's Department of Aviation later this fall.

The next Residential Committee meeting will take place on Wednesday, August 19, 2009, at the Norridge Village Hall at 9:30 A.M.

School Sound Insulation Committee Report – Chairperson Raymond J. Kuper, Superintendent, School District 86

Dr. Kuper indicated that he is still waiting for answers to the questions that were asked at previous meetings.

The Chicago Department of Aviation has been tasked with creating a report to update members by addressing the following questions: The list of schools that have been funded and amount of funding; those schools approved to receive funding and when they actually received the funding; the schools that are on waiting list for design grants; and if there is priority or rank order and what it is based on and how it is administered.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – MR. BRIAN GILLIGAN

A. May 2009 Financial Statements

Mr. Gilligan reported on the expenses for May 2009 which totaled **\$18,330.80**.

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

Roll Call Vote – May 2009 Expenses

Arlington Heights – Yes
Bartlett – Absent
Bellwood – Yes
Chicago – Yes
Cook County – Yes
Des Plaines – Yes
Elmwood Park – Yes

Rolling Meadows – Yes
Rosemont – Yes
Schaumburg – Yes
Schiller Park – Yes
Stone Park – Yes
Wood Dale – Yes
District 59 – Yes

Franklin Park – Yes
Harwood Heights - Yes
Hoffman Estates – Absent
Itasca - Yes
Maywood –Absent
Melrose Park – Absent
Mount Prospect – Yes
Niles – Yes
Norridge – Yes
Northlake – Yes
Oak Park – Yes
Palatine – Yes
Park Ridge – Yes
River Forest –Absent
River Grove – Yes

District 63 – Yes
District 80 – Absent
District 81 – Yes
District 84 – Yes
District 84.5 - Yes
District 85.5 – Absent
District 86 – Yes
District 87 –Absent
District 88 – Absent
District 89 – Absent
District 214 – Yes
District 234 – Absent
District 299 – Yes
District 401 – Absent

B. “Noise 101” Program – June 19, 2009

Mr. Gilligan informed members that a “Noise 101” session will be held on June 19, 2009. He said that this session will be very helpful to understand the fundamentals of how noise metrics are created.

C. O’Hare Control Tower Tour – June 26, 2009

Mr. Gilligan mentioned that an O’Hare Control Tower Tour is scheduled for June 26, 2009. He said that currently the tour is filled and another date will be identified for members who are interested in attending.

C. ONCC Member Information/Data Requests

Mr. Gilligan provided a handout which outlined ONCC member requests.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE MEMBERS

Mr. Bill McInerney, a Park Ridge resident, mentioned that he is part of the infrastructure committee for the OMP. He said that the northeast corner of the airport is being developed as a cargo facility. He asked for what purpose was it being developed at O’Hare since it will only accommodate freighter aircraft. He wondered why a facility is being built to only accommodate those types of aircraft. He indicated the Rockford has the capability for cargo already in place and Rockford would welcome the business it would generate.

Ms. Christine Allen, a Park Ridge resident, asked what the regulations were for space

between landing aircraft. She also asked if Runway 9L/27R is closed between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. She noted that many flights occur in early morning hours.

Mr. Kula replied that the separation requirements depend on the type of aircraft. Typically, it's 3-4 miles. Currently, Runway 7R handles 35-40 arrivals in a one-hour timeframe. Departure separations also depend on the type of aircraft, typically between 30 seconds up to 2 minutes. He noted that the nighttime program is voluntary.

Mr. Kerry Piest, a Des Plaines resident, mentioned that his mother is a 50-year resident and aircraft flying over the home are very loud and low. He said that the home was sound insulated but it is just a bandage to the problem. He said that more money needs to go to better technology and he recommended equal distribution of flights for the runways.

Ms. Jennifer Perry, a Park Ridge resident, asked the following questions:

1. What is the altitude of aircraft, both for takeoffs and landing over schools and residential areas?
2. When a runway is shut down, which runway picks up the bulk of the operations?

Mr. Kula explained that when an aircraft is arriving, the pilot is on a 3-degree glide slope. He said that he was not sure of the altitude of aircraft over schools. He mentioned that the runways are designed for safety.

Ms. Perry wanted to go on record that her question was not answered.

Mr. Arman said that the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) contains data and the resident could get information of the elevations for schools and residential areas.

Ms. Christine Kutt, a Park Ridge resident, thanked Brian Gilligan for his quick responsiveness to her questions and congratulated him on his evaluation.

Ms. Kutt read a statement regarding RNP procedures.

Mr. Arman replied that NextGen is currently being discussed for national use which would allow the use of more airspace.

Mr. Mike Ferraro, a Park Ridge resident, would like information about the re-evaluation of the 65 DNL metric study. He would like to know the criteria, oversight of the study and what will be involved as part of the study.

Mr. Gilligan replied that the ONCC is involved in the PARTNER Advisory Board for the Center of Excellence which is an ongoing project and the noise metric will probably be rolled into the noise section. He said that he will keep everyone informed of any updates.

Mr. Kula stated that the project for noise metric is fairly new and the FAA is committed to share details with the ONCC as they become available.

Mr. Gary Ziols, a resident of Park Ridge, would like to obtain specific arrival information and glide slope. He said that no studies were made to the west of the airport and he would like to know when an evaluation will be done.

Mr. Frame replied the he can help with individual flight track analysis.

Mr. Tom Math, a Park Ridge Resident, asked if there was a way that flights can be restricted over Park Ridge.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Sherwin moved and **Alderman Bach** seconded that the meeting adjourn. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 10:15 A.M.

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