



**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 21, 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 January 21, 2009, at the Norridge Village Hall, 4000 Olcott Avenue, Norridge, IL.

Committee Vice-Chairperson Judith Dunne Bernardi called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. ONCC staff took the meeting minutes.

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

Alderman Mark Walsten, Alternate, City of Des Plaines
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. Donald Storino, Jr., Alternate, Village of Rosemont
Trustee Larry Fritz, Alternate, Village of Schiller Park
Alderman Eugene Wesley, Alternate, City of Wood Dale

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

Cook County
Melrose Park

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; Amy Hanson – Federal Aviation Administration; and Arlene Williams - Chicago Airports Resources Enterprise (CARE).

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 19, 2008, MEETING

There was a motion made by **Alderman Wesley** to approve the November 19, 2008, meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by **Alderman Walsten**. The meeting minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

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

Ms. Williams reported that there are currently 770 homes in the Program. Construction is almost complete on Program 2006 Group B homes. Sound Solutions will complete its contract by March, and Classic Gutters should be complete its contract by the end of May.

2008 RESIDENTIAL SOUND INSULATION PROGRAM

Ms. Williams reported that a homeowner briefing took place already in Schiller Park for 255 units. The next briefing will be conducted for Park Ridge alternates. Bidding on the 2009 Program multi-units structures should commence within a few weeks. Postcards have been mailed to residents notifying them that they qualify for sound insulation; however, staff has had little response from those residents.

Ms. Bernardi asked if anyone has tried to contact the associations within the condo structures to find out who the actual unit owners are.

Ms. Williams replied that staff is looking at public records to try and identify the actual homeowners.

Alderman Wesley suggested contacting the local villages and cities to look at public records for individual homeownership.

Mr. Frame said that some homeowners just do not seem to be interested in the Program. He said that staff will look at Cook County Assessors Office to try and obtain homeownership information.

Ms. Williams stated that the Village of Bensenville has provided the necessary information.

Mr. Frame stated that staff is thinking of creative ways to contact homeowners who qualify for sound insulation. He said that staff are eager to locate these homeowners in order to sound-insulate the 6,000 dwellings that qualify for sound insulation according the FAA's Record of Decision for the O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP).

Mayor Wilks stated that maybe postcards are just being ignored and not read because homeowners might think they are just junk mail.

Ms. Williams said that most homeowners read them but do not respond. The postcard contained detailed information about the Sound Insulation Program.

ACTION ITEM: O'HARE RESIDENTIAL SOUND INSULATION PROGRAM POLICY FOR SOUND INSULATING MULTI-OWNER BUILDINGS

Mr. Frame reported that staff has been working for over three months on refining the policy for multi-owner buildings. He said that at the next ONCC full Commission meeting on February 6, 2009, ONCC Resolution 2009-1 will be presented for approval of the ONCC affected areas.

Based on Mr. Frame's remarks, Alderman Walsten suggested changing the verbiage on the policy to reflect giving homeowners 90 days versus 60 days to respond from the homeowner briefings.

Trustee Fritz indicated that 60 days is plenty of time and changing it would delay construction work to begin on the multi-owner buildings.

Mr. Frame mentioned that, if someone does not meet the deadline, the program must move on in order to maintain a construction schedule.

Mayor Wilks asked how staff will handle homeowners who will be out-of-town during construction.

Ms. Williams responded that staff will work with homeowners to let them know when construction will take place. If they are going to be out town, they will be advised to have someone else provide access to their home so that the construction work can take place, and not delay the construction schedule.

Mayor Wilks stated that 60 days for a homeowner to respond is fair.

Mr. Frame said that for the most part staff is very forgiving about dates but they would like to get as many homes sound-insulated in the construction area as they can. It becomes costly and time-consuming for construction crews to go back to an area that has been already sound insulated just for a few homes.

Ms. Bernardi agreed that 60 days was plenty of time for homeowners to respond.

A motion was made by **Alderman Wesley** to approve changes to the verbiage referencing 60 days instead of 90 days. The motion was seconded by **Mr. Storino**.

Roll Call

Cook County – Absent
 Des Plaines – No
 Melrose Park – Absent
 Mount Prospect – Yes
 Norridge – Yes
 Park Ridge - Yes
 Rosemont – Yes
 Wood Dale - Yes

The motion was approved by roll call vote.

ACTION ITEM: 2009 O'HARE RESIDENTIAL SOUND INSULATION PROGRAM - DRAFT RESOLUTION 2009-2

Mr. Frame reported that ONCC Resolution 2009-2 represents the 2009 Program year.

He asked that the ONCC Residential Committee approve Resolution 2009-2 in order for the full ONCC Commission to approve the resolution at the next ONCC meeting on February 6, 2009.

Mr. Frame read Resolution 2009-2 aloud and mentioned that an attachment was provided detailing the total dwellings and their locations for Program year 2009.

Alderman Walsten noted that he has requested more information regarding noise levels in areas that are newly impacted as a result of the new north runway.

Mr. Gilligan reported that the ANMS noise reports will be available on January 23, 2009, and staff will give a full presentation on the noise data for the months of November and December 2008.

Alderman Walsten suggested not voting on Resolution 2009-2 until the noise data becomes available.

Mr. Frame reminded members that results from the noise monitoring sites will not make any additional homes eligible for sound insulation. The monitoring data that is collected for the next few years will be used to validate the projected noise contour. No other contour map will be produced until full build-out of the OMP.

Alderman Walsten expressed his concerns about noise levels being high and large aircraft landing on the new northern runway, 9 Left/27 Right.

Mr. Frame mentioned that all homes in Des Plaines that qualified for sound insulation have been completed. The current monitoring results will not impact the current sound insulation Programs.

He said that staff will honor Alderman Walsten's request to table the Resolution but he walked the committee through the prep work. He reiterated the need to continue to sound-insulate homes that have been identified for sound insulation.

Alderman Walsten requested that Resolution 2009-2 be deferred until the next ONCC Residential Sound Insulation Committee on February 18, 2009.

Committee members agreed with Alderman Walsten's recommendation to defer approval of Resolution 2009-2.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. 2009 ONCC Residential Committee Work Plan

Mr. Gilligan related that staff is working on having outside speakers at future ONCC Residential Sound Insulation Committee meetings. Staff will also be presenting drafts of the 2008 ONCC Annual Report at the next ONCC Residential meeting.

B. 2009 O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission Meetings Schedules

Mr. Gilligan provided members with the 2009 ONCC meeting schedules and mentioned that the next ONCC Residential Sound Insulation Committee will be held on February 18, 2009.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS

Alderman Walsten mentioned that he made a request for a portable monitor several months ago and would like to know the status of his request.

Mr. Frame explained that they are limited on portable monitors because they are used both at Midway Airport and O'Hare. He said that he believes Alderman Walsten's request is third of the list, but there are issues with some portable monitors not functioning. He said that he will have an answer to Alderman Walsten's request by the following week.

Alderman Walsten expressed his concern that thousands of dollars are being spent in other areas, however, no money has been spent on replacement parts for monitors.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Ms. Christine Schmidt, a Chicago resident, expressed her concern because homes are sound insulated around her home; however, her home does not qualify for sound insulation.

Mr. Frame replied that he will take her information and contact her regarding her home. He said that only homes that fall within the noise contour qualify for sound insulation.

Ms. Varvara, a Chicago resident, asked when she will be contacted for the 2009 Program year.

Ms. Gutierrez replied that Ms. Varvara will be contacted as soon as the ONCC approves and passes Resolution 2009-2.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by **Mayor Wilks** and seconded by **Mr. Cutaia**. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 10:45 A.M.