



**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 18, 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 February 18, 2009, at the Norridge Village Hall, 4000 Olcott Avenue, Norridge, IL.

Committee Chairperson Frank A. Damato called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. ONCC staff took the meeting minutes.

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

Frank A. Damato, Designee, Cook County  
Alderman Mark Walsten, Alternate, City of Des Plaines  
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

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

City of Wood Dale

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 – JANUARY 21, 2009, MEETING**

There was a motion made by **Trustee Fritz** to approve the January 21, 2009, meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by **Mayor Wilks**. 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 769 homes in the Program. Construction is 73% complete on Program 2006 Group B homes. She commented that Classic Gutter has done a great job in the first year of participating in the Residential Sound Insulation Program.

### **2008 RESIDENTIAL SOUND INSULATION PROGRAM**

Ms. Williams related that homeowner briefings were held in Schiller Park and Chicago. So far no response has been received from condo owners or associations. The next briefings will be conducted for Schiller Park and Bensenville. Postcards have been mailed to residents notifying them that they qualify for sound insulation; however, staff has had little response from those residents. Postings were placed in common areas of the condo buildings to make residents aware that they qualify for the Program. Bidding on the 2009 Program multi-units structures should commence within a few weeks.

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

Ms. Gutierrez presented ONCC Resolution 2009-2 which details the 2009 O'Hare Residential Sound Insulation Program.

Alderman Walsten asked if the information of 200 plus homes for Park Ridge was correct.

Ms. Gutierrez replied that the information provided was correct. She mentioned that a land survey was conducted and she personally drove throughout the neighborhood to verify the information.

Mr. Damato asked whether the contractors are commenting on the multi-family units.

Ms. Williams said that the contractors will not have any issues with multi-family dwelling because staff coordinates the scheduling and the access to the units.

Mr. Damato asked whether any materials will be left behind for homeowners who may want to participate in the program at a later time.

Ms. Williams replied that the FAA mandates reducing the noise levels with sound insulation; therefore, only the construction contractors are able to install windows and doors.

**Mayor Wilks** made a motion to adopt ONCC Resolution 2009 -2 and the motion was seconded by **Ms. Bernardi**.

## **Special Presentation – Michael McCue, Earth Tech AECOM**

Mr. Michael McCue gave a brief presentation on Earth Tech AECOM involvement on the Residential Sound Insulation Program.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **A. Noise 101 Session – April 17, 2009**

Mr. Gilligan mentioned that a session entitled “Noise 101” will be held on April 17, 2009. This session will be informative for newer members and alternates to better understand DNL levels, noise averages and noise contours.

### **B. O’Hare Monitor Newsletter – Winter 2008 Issue**

Mr. Gilligan provided everyone with copies of the Winter 2009 “O’Hare Monitor” Newsletter.

## **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 indicated that currently Alderman Walsten’s request is 2<sup>nd</sup> on the list. He added that the next monitor request to be fulfilled will be in the Midway Airport area.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Mr. Richard Lubberda, a Harwood Heights resident, provided members with a written statement of nighttime noise between the hours of 10:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M. He noted that the airport should be shut down during these nighttime hours.

Mr. Jim Hoffman, a Park Ridge resident, asked if the contour will be re-evaluated. He mentioned that he is experiencing heavy aircraft noise over his home.

Mr. Frame explained the current contour was developed by the FAA and upon completion of the O’Hare Modernization Program (OMP), the City of Chicago will develop a new contour with existing conditions. He said that only homes that fall within the contour are eligible for sound insulation.

Ms. Cathy Dunlap, a Chicago resident, mentioned that there are areas affected by noise which are considered national landmarks. She wondered if anyone was aware of the issues.

Ms. Gutierrez said that staff is aware that there are historical homes which are affected by aircraft noise.

Ms. Williams mentioned that homes have been sound insulated at Midway which are considered landmarks and that they work with homeowners to try to maintain the historical nature of the home when sound insulation work is provided.

## **MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by **Mayor Wilks** and seconded by **Mr. Sorce**. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 10:26 A.M.