



APPROVED MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 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 November 18, 2009, at the Norridge Village Hall, 4000 Olcott Avenue, Norridge, IL.

Committee Chairperson Frank A. Damato called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. ONCC staff took the meeting minutes.

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

Frank A. Damato, Designee, Cook County
Ms. JoEllen Ridder, Alternate, Village of Bensenville
Mayor Irvana Wilks, Member, Village of Mount Prospect
Ms. Judith Dunne Bernardi, Designee, Village of Norridge
Mr. Donald Storino, Jr., Alternate, Village of Rosemont
Trustee Larry Fritz, Alternate, Village of Schiller Park

The following member of the Committee was **ABSENT**:

City of Des Plaines, Village of Melrose Park, City of Park Ridge and 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; Maria Gutierrez – Chicago Department of Aviation; Amy Hanson – Federal Aviation Administration and Bill Stephan - Chicago Airports Resources Enterprise (CARE).

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – September 16, 2009, MEETING

There was a motion made by **Mayor Wilks** to approve the September 16, 2009, meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by **Ms. Bernardi**. The meeting minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

2008 RESIDENTIAL SOUND INSULATION PROGRAM

Mr. Stephan reported no changes from the previous month. He said that they are waiting for the procurement process for the four contracts that just went out to bid.

Completion of Construction Specification for Larger Buildings

Mr. Stephan said that he has worked with the architects and they have covered many of the areas that are required with larger structures. Many details were discussed and he feels confident that they have put together a good specification package for construction on large buildings.

Status of Remaining RSIP and Application for PFC Funding

Ms. Gutierrez reported that the Chicago Department of Aviation is waiting for a response from the FAA regarding the application for the PFC monies to cover the remaining RSIP program.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. 2010 ONCC Meetings Schedules

Ms. Camacho informed everyone that a copy of the ONCC 2010 meetings schedule was located in the meetings packets.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Ms. Mary Ellen, a Park Ridge resident, asked when she will be contacted for the homeowner briefing.

Ms. Gutierrez replied that the contracts have not yet been awarded; she will be notified once the homeowner briefing is scheduled for her area.

Ms. Jane May, a Chicago resident, said that she has a 6-unit building and wanted to know when they would be receiving sound insulation.

Ms. Gutierrez responded that she has spoken with Ms. May and has informed her that the units are not eligible for sound insulation. She explained that only homes that are within the noise contour will be sound insulated. Upon completion of the O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP), another contour will be generated to validate the areas affected by noise.

Mayor Wilks said that she is a member for the Village of Mount Prospect and her community has aircraft activity all the time. Mount Prospect, however, has never received any sound insulation. She has done her own home improvements to her home to make it quieter.

Ms. Louis Marra, a Chicago resident, said that she is experiencing the worst aircraft noise in over 40 years.

Mr. Damato explained that the FAA sets the guidelines for sound insulation.

Ms. Mieling, a Park Ridge resident, wanted to know how to go about petitioning for relief of aircraft noise.

Mayor Wilks gave the example of three schools that previously qualified or fell just below the threshold for sound insulation that have been seeking sound insulation for the past several years. She mentioned that the ONCC had written letters to the FAA and congressional officials and to date nothing has been done.

Mr. Storino stated that until the completion of the full OMP build out, the guidelines of the FAA state that we must abide by the current contour.

Ms. Guziel, a consultant for ONCC, stated that the ONCC has petitioned the FAA to reevaluate how noise is measured. The FAA has agreed and is beginning the process of discussing and studying the issues. She said that it will be a time-consuming process but the good news is that they have agreed to revisit the metrics of noise.

Ms. Dunlap asked if the PFC application that the Chicago Department of Aviation submitted to the FAA contained all the monies for sound insulation.

Ms. Hanson said that the FAA is reviewing the Chicago Department of Aviation's application but that doesn't necessarily mean that the entire amount submitted in the application will be approved by the FAA. She said that a response to the application should be forthcoming by January 2010.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by **Mr. Storino** and seconded by **Trustee Fritz**. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.