

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 14, 2014  
O'HARE NOISE COMPATIBILITY COMMISSION  
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

The meeting of the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC) Technical Committee was held on Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at the Mount Prospect Public Works Building, 1720 W. Central, Mount Prospect, IL.

ONCC Technical Committee Chairman Joseph Annunzio called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. ONCC staff recorded the meeting minutes.

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

Ms. Arlene J. Mulder, Alternate, Village of Arlington Heights  
Trustee JoEllen Ridder, Designee, Village of Bensenville  
Mr. Ron Sak, Designee, City of Chicago, 36<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Mr. Peter Bialek, Designee, City of Chicago, 39<sup>th</sup> Ward  
Ms. Catherine Dunlap, Designee, City of Chicago, 41<sup>st</sup> Ward  
Alderman Mark Walsten, Alternate, City of Des Plaines  
Trustee Lester Szlendak, Alternate, Village of Harwood Heights  
Trustee Michael Latoria, Designee, Village of Itasca  
Mayor Arlene Juracek, Member, Village of Mount Prospect  
Chairman Joseph Annunzio, Alternate, Village of Niles  
Ms. Judith Dunne Bernardi, Designee, Village of Norridge  
Mr. Tim Millar, Alternate, Village of Palatine  
Vice-Chairman Dennis Ryan, Alternate, Village of River Grove  
Mr. Zach Creer, Alternate, Rolling Meadows  
Mr. Richard Bascomb, Alternate, Village of Schaumburg  
Alderman Art Woods, Designee, City of Wood Dale

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

Village of Hoffman Estates  
School District 59

The following ONCC and Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) and staff were present:

Jeanette Camacho – O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission; Aaron Frame – Chicago Department of Aviation; Jeffrey Jackson – Landrum & Brown; Fran Guziel and Kay Coyne – ONCC Consultants.

The following guests were present:

Mary Ann Levar for Congressman Mike Quigley, Robert Becker for Congressman Quigley, and Amy Hanson, FAA.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited before the start of the meeting.

## **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 12, 2013**

**Mr. Ryan** moved and **Trustee Ridder** seconded a motion that the minutes of the November 12, 2013 ONCC Technical Committee meeting be approved. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

### **A. Long-Term Portable Noise Monitor Data**

Mr. Jackson reported on the Itasca Long-Term Portable Noise Monitor Data for the month of November 2013 that read 59.8 decibels. The Chicago Long-Term Portable Noise Monitor read 58.9 for the month of November 2013.

Mr. Backer asked for the distance between Site D in Chicago and the actual runway.

Mr. Jackson said that he would research the answer.

### **B. Draft 2014 ONCC Technical Committee Work Plan**

Ms. Camacho provided members with the draft 2014 ONCC Technical Committee Work Plan for review and comment.

Mr. Frame reviewed CDA-related 2014 committee work plan topics. CDA will be releasing a new ANMS contract in 2014, installing Site 6 and calling it Site 41, Investigating electronic wind direction sign at GRE as requested by airlines, issue Fly Quiet reports in March, May, Sept and Nov 2014, introduce a nighttime construction awareness program in April, investigate 311 telephone script/response to noise complainants and issue 10 new noise charts reflecting the opening of 10/28C.

Ms. Wilks commented that the 2014 ONCC Technical Committee Work Plan was ambitious.

Ms. Dunlap said that she is looking forward to more discussions about arrivals.

Mr. Ryan commented on the misconception of the public and why ONCC was created. He noted that ONCC serves as a voice for neighboring communities and works cooperatively with aviation stakeholders.

Trustee Szlendak commented that arrivals are far worse than departure aircraft noise.

Alderman Woods said that the arrivals over his community are what most residents are frustrated with. He said that it is important to provide the public with actual facts and number of flight operations.

Mr. Annunzio suggested that the ONCC Technical Committee come up with a unified way to explain aircraft noise to residents. He said that there should be a way to bridge the gap between elected officials and residents.

Ms. Wilks pointed out that the noise contour depicts 65DNL but continues to affect residents beyond the 65DNL noise levels.

Trustee Szlendak asked if residents are able to purchase that same products used in sound insulation on their own. He noted that many residents are on fixed incomes and cannot afford to make the improvements themselves. Residents are aware that they live next to an airport and as aircraft continue to improve with quieter engines, arrivals are a real issue.

Ms. Dunlap noted that the frustration with elected officials continues to increase because some officials pretend that they didn't know about the OMP when, in fact, they voted to approve the plan.

Mr. Sak commented that his community deals with thrust noise and wasn't sure what improvements can be made.

Trustee Latoria asked that FAA continue the dialog with ONCC and share the facts with ONCC members. He said that the FAA should give advice or comment on issues that the ONCC is working to improve.

Ms. Hanson responded that the FAA is committed to answering and working together with the ONCC.

Mr. Jackson commented that the FAA has continued the dialog with ONCC and in the past has given presentations to the ONCC on various issues.

Ms. Mulder thanked the FAA for always keeping an open dialog with ONCC.

Ms. Hanson said that the FAA worked hard in getting the message to residents during the Community Open House Outreach Sessions that ONCC coordinated regarding the opening of Runway 10C/28C.

Trustee Ridder said that her residents are complaining about departures. Residents continue to ask why aircraft are banking and why they can't go higher in altitude at take-offs. She suggested having a fact sheet on departures and also identifying the types of complaints that the hotline receives.

Trustee Ridder suggested calling the Noise Complaint Hotline at a future ONCC Technical Committee Meeting to see how they respond to inquiries.

### **C. FAA/CDA/ONCC Fly Quiet Meeting Recap – November 25, 2013**

Mr. Annunzio reported that ONCC, CDA and FAA met on November 25, 2013 to discuss the O'Hare Fly Quiet Program. He said that only 7 non-weather related deviations occurred in the month of October 2013. He expressed the importance of continued dialog between the control tower and ONCC. He asked for the name of the replacement for the retiring control tower manager.

Ms. Hanson replied that she continues to maintain communication with the control tower regarding the Fly Quiet Program. She said that it was important to keep the controllers educated about the Fly Quiet Program and will continue the dialog between ONCC and FAA.

Mr. Annunzio asked if ONCC can continue its quarterly meeting with the control tower.

Ms. Hanson replied that when a permanent replacement for the control tower manager has been identified, the dialog will continue.

Mr. Annunzio asked that Ms Hanson continue to keep the ONCC informed.

Ms. Dunlap said that it is important to keep interim managers in the control tower informed about the Fly Quiet Program.

Ms. Hanson reiterated that the FAA will work with ONCC.

#### **D. Recap of November 2013 ANMS Report**

Mr. Jackson reviewed the November 2013 ANMS Report. He said that staff thought it was important to review because of the new commissioning of Runway 10C/28C.

Alderman Woods said that the complaints listed probably don't reflect why they are actually calling. Most residents are just annoyed with aircraft noise whether it's low flying or vibration.

Mr. Frame responded that he would look at the possibility of expanding the field for nature of complaints.

Ms. Dunlap pointed out complaints came from 140 individuals from the 41<sup>st</sup> Ward in Chicago. She mentioned that there are 1,200 airport badge employees in the 41<sup>st</sup> ward.

Mayor Juracek mentioned that she has noticed an increase in departures over Mount Prospect. She noted the reading at Site 20 has increased. She suggested staff compile a narrative of what has happened over the course of a year and explain the flight paths taken throughout the year.

Mr. Frame replied that he would look into her suggestion; however, he pointed out that nothing can be compiled looking into the future.

Trustee Szlendak said that residents are experiencing actual noise and not future noise. He suggested that staff put together data of how many actual flights have gone over a monitor in the past year.

Mr. Millar said that it is important to tell residents that sound insulation only helps inside the home. Homeowners who receive sound insulation will still experience aircraft noise.

Mr. Frame said that sound insulation only decreases aircraft noise and does not eliminate the noise.

Mr. Annunzio said that residents need to understand the Fly Quiet Program. The Fly Quiet Program does not indicate that no noise will be experienced during the nighttime hours

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **A. Next ONCC Technical Committee Meeting – March 11, 2014**

Mr. Annunzio reported that the ONCC Technical Committee will meet on March 11, 2014 at the Mount Prospect Village Hall.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE MEMBERS/AUDIENCE**

Trustee Szlendak thanked the ONCC for all the work that it has done and continues to do on behalf of the neighboring communities.

## **MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

**Alderman Walsten** moved and **Ms. Dunlap** seconded that the meeting adjourn. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

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