

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 12, 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, August 12, 2014 at the Mount Prospect Village Hall, 50 S. Emerson, Mount Prospect, IL.

ONCC Technical Committee Vice-Chairman Dennis Ryan called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. ONCC staff recorded the meeting minutes.

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

Ms. Arlene J. Mulder, Designee, 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  
Mayor Arlene Jerzierny, Member, Village of Harwood Heights  
Trustee Michael Latoria, Alternate, Village of Itasca  
Chairman Joseph Annunzio, Alternate, Village of Niles  
Mayor Arlene Juracek, Member, Village of Mount Prospect  
Ms. Judith Dunne Bernardi, Designee, Village of Norridge  
Vice-Chairman Dennis Ryan, Designee, Village of River Grove  
Mr. Barry Krumstok, Alternate, Rolling Meadows  
Ms. Karyn Robles, Alternate, Village of Schaumburg  
Mr. Brian Gilligan, Alternate, School District 59  
Alderman Art Woods, Alternate, City of Wood Dale

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

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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 Consultant.

The following guests were present:

Mary Ann Levar and Robert Becker for Congressman Mike Quigley; Ms. Amy Hanson, FAA; Ms. Trish Chokshi for Congresswoman Tammy Duckworth; and Ann Limjoco for Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky.

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

## **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – MAY 13, 2014**

**Mr. Ryan** moved and **Ms. Mulder** seconded a motion that the minutes of the May 13, 2014 ONCC Technical Committee meeting be approved. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

### **Overview on New Permanent Noise Monitors**

Mr. Annunzio reported that on July 22, 2014, Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel announced the Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) would work with ONCC to acquire and install eight additional permanent airport noise monitors in Chicago and suburban communities near O'Hare International Airport. He also invited Alderman Michael Zalewski, Chairman of the City Council Committee on Aviation, and Aldermen Mary O'Connor, Pat O'Connor, and Margaret Laurino to identify these new noise monitor locations on existing and future flight paths. Airport noise monitors are used to report aircraft noise levels as a matter of public interest, to monitor trends in aircraft noise and to validate the noise contour.

The monitor data does not determine whether property owners are eligible for sound insulation.

The CDA will use technical criteria to identify possible monitor locations, such as proximity to flight paths, distance from the approved noise contour, area of coverage by existing monitors, ambient noise levels in the proposed area, and access to utilities. After general areas are identified, the CDA will work with the local communities to select precise locations. Then the CDA will order the noise monitors, obtain local permits and approvals for monitor installations, install the monitors and integrate them into the existing system.

The monitors will be funded with approved airport passenger facility charges.

ONCC will approve the acquisition, site selection and installation of eight noise monitors with a formal resolution.

### **ONCC Member Comments Regarding Permanent Noise Monitors**

Mr. Annunzio called on committee members to comment on ONCC participation on selecting sites for the eight additional noise monitors.

Alderman Walsten stated that he has been on the ONCC Technical Committee since 2007 and was not sure what the new portable noise monitors will prove. He said that noise monitors do not determine sound insulation.

Mr. Annunzio said that it is important to have monitors in order to obtain tangible information.

Ms. Dunlap noted that her community comprised of over 60,000 people is located nearest to O'Hare International Airport, but does not have a noise monitor. She said there is a lack of clarity about what is happening during the interim condition. The noise monitors will give everyone an idea of the noise levels.

Trustee Ridder said that Bensenville is 3,543 feet away from Runway 10C/28C. She would like a noise monitor to determine the impact that residents are experiencing with the new runway. She noted residents are experiencing an increase in aircraft noise and the date for OMP completion is unknown. She also noted that the converging runway situation has been an issue in Bensenville.

Mr. Annunzio said the Village of Niles is under a flight pattern and asked that Niles be considered for one of the eight permanent noise monitors.

Alderman Woods said that there is a need to establish data because of the East/West pattern introduced in October 2013.

Mr. Ryan noted more discussions is needed to establish where the new eight permanent noise monitors will be installed. He suggested having more meetings if necessary to discuss the installation of new permanent noise monitors.

Mr. Annunzio noted that more meetings will be scheduled if the need arises.

Mr. Krumstok reminded everyone that the CDA, along with ONCC, worked on the placement of previous permanent noise monitors. He said that the conversation should remain the same as in previous years.

Trustee Latoria concurred that continuing discussion is necessary regarding placement the permanent noise monitors. He noted that the intent is not to create division between communities, but to work in a cooperative spirit for all. He also noted that Itasca continues to have high readings from the long-term portable noise monitor.

Mr. Annunzio assured everyone that the ONCC Technical Committee will continue to hear all the concerns of residents affected by aircraft noise and discuss how to address these questions.

Trustee Szlendak said that there is a difference between arrival and departure noise. He noted that arrivals are steady and more data needs to be incorporated, such as the duration of an aircraft during an arrival. He said more noise monitors are needed to discover noise patterns.

Ms. Mulder thanked the City of Chicago for their willingness to add more permanent noise monitors. She noted that ONCC is a team that works hard to help one another.

Mr. Sak questioned if it would be more efficient to place more portable noise monitors versus permanent noise monitors.

Mr. Jackson responded that portables can be a hit or miss with problems arising such as electrical failure depending on the location.

Ms. Mulder suggested an analysis be done for East/West air traffic versus previous patterns.

Mr. Frame replied that it is too soon to tell the difference between East/West flow and previous patterns. One year needs to pass before a comparison can be made. ~~be~~The winds are different from one day to the next that affect air traffic.

Mr. Ryan asked when the new contract for the ANMS will be signed. Mr. Frame said that it is in the final phase of being approved.

Alderman Woods said that aircraft noise and pollution are affecting the lives of residents living under the flight paths.

Mr. Annunzio noted that ONCC strictly deals with noise and not pollution issues.

Mr. Annunzio noted that Illinois Senator John J. Cullerton sent letters of support for permanent noise monitors for various communities. The letters were in the meeting packet.

### **CDA Report on New Permanent Noise Monitors**

Mr. Frame explained the 12 step process for the eight new noise monitors. He noted that the majority of the 8 new noise monitors would likely be installed sometime in 2015.

Alderman Mark Walsten, Des Plaines: "I don't understand what this (noise monitors) is going to prove if you do not qualify for noise abatement if you live outside the 65DNL. I would rather see the money go towards a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement....Why don't we use portable noise monitors instead?"

Catherine Dunlap, Ward 41: "Ward 41 doesn't have a single monitor. Sixty thousand residents are not represented. There is a lack of clarity of the interim noise contour...the full build out is going to happen."

JoEllen Ridder, Bensenville: "Bensenville is 3,540 feet away from the runway. That is .67 miles. We are requesting a noise monitor for Hillside Drive. There is no clue when full build out, converging runways and a whole new bunch of things will be added to the mix."

Joe Annunzio, Niles: "I live under a landing flight path. There is a difference in noise between departures and arrivals. Please consider Niles for a noise monitor."

Peter Bialek, Ward 39: "There is a need for Chicago...I am affected by landings...If they go to the left of me...the noise contour will be better. When we add two more runways the EIS based on projected models will be better."

Barry Krumstok, Rolling Meadows: "Let's revisit the past sites first."

Michael Latoria, Itasca: "Let's take the data from the top five impacted areas. We do not want one town pitted against another. We can do more together than individually."

Lester Szlendak, Harwood Heights: "There is a difference between landings and take-offs. Let's incorporate more data into the noise monitors. We are in it together. I wish I lived near the lake. We need more monitors."

Ron Sak, Ward 36: "Maybe we just need portable monitors at first."

Aaron Frame, CDA: "After a year we will get a better reading on monitors. It is too soon for an analysis for east/west flow. A contract has been signed with a new company. We are waiting for a final signature."

Peter Bialek: "We all have to live together. We know the noise affects people's lives and health."

Joe Annunzio: "ONCC is mandated with noise only."

JoEllen Ridder: "May I have just raw data for my community?"

Aaron Frame: "The new monitor will be purchased by the end of the year. We will try to get as much done by the fall."

Arlene Juracek, Mount Prospect: "We may have a legitimate request. We can rank towns according to criteria and then have a discussion."

Aaron Frame: "I have to work with the aldermen. They are getting noise monitors."

Brian Gilligan, School District 59: "Can we get current readings on current monitors and compare with past monitors."

Cathy Dunlap: "the CDA report helped illustrate the arrival and departure procedures. People understand how it happens."

Joe Annunzio: "We have to make ONCC a priority."

The members of the Technical Committee agreed the committee is the heart and soul of ONCC. They believe they have to improve communications with their constituents. Many felt they have not done an effective job communicating and believe that taking the summer off doesn't help.

The committee wants a united front and does not want to be lulled into a false sense of security about aircraft noise. They want to reach out to elected officials. They are looking for better outreach to residents.

Members felt they were being diluted by politics.

CDA said they encourage residents and elected officials to go to ONCC, but technical committee members believe they are not being informed and there is a divide.

Some members believe ONCC needs to get louder, go back to history, and have a better command of the facts.

One problem is timing. When an event occurs it needs to go out to the public immediately not a day, week or month later. Members suggested relying on village newsletters to post information.

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

Mr. Frame reported the Itasca long-term portable noise monitor data for April 2014 was 64.7 decibels. The Chicago long-term portable noise monitor data for April 2014 was 57.6. The committee discussed how the monitor in Chicago has not gone over 60.

#### **B. Nighttime Construction Awareness Program**

Mr. Frame said that the O'Hare Nighttime Construction Awareness Program will be prepared within the next several weeks and distributed to ONCC.

#### **C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2014 Fly Quiet Report**

Mr. Jackson reviewed the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2014 Fly Quiet Report.

Mr. Ryan asked if the airlines are made aware of the deviations.

Mr. Jackson said that the meeting that ONCC initiated with the control tower regarding deviations has help with fewer deviations.

Ms. Camacho noted that ONCC will be meeting with the new control tower manager later this year to continue the quarterly meeting regarding the Fly Quiet Program.

Ms. Dunlap reiterated her request to have arrival procedures on the Fly Quiet Manual. She noted that in March 2014 she made a motion to have the 2 most used arrival runways with the fleet that is using those runways. She realized that aircrafts on arrivals do not deviate much since they are on a glide slopes. Trustee Latoria supported her request.

Mr. Frame said that there are many pending requests.

Ms. Dunlap realized that there are several requests but reiterated that the ONCC Technical Committee agreed with her request and would like the report to be made a priority.

Mr. Annunzio agreed with Ms. Dunlap. He said that ONCC is established as a liaison for the community and the requests made by the committee should be made a priority.

Ms. Dunlap noted that she is frustrated with the local papers and citizens complaining that they never were told of changes or that the information was not shared. She said that she attended several ONCC meetings prior to her appointment to ONCC where information was shared.

Ms. Dunlap also noted the ONCC coordinated several community meetings throughout Chicago and nearby suburbs, to discuss the opening of Runway 10C/28C. The FAA and CDA were also a part of those meetings.

Trustee Ridder noted that residents are complaining about not being able to get through the noise hotline in a timely manner.

Trustee Latoria suggested not using a runway that is set to be decommissioned as part of the preferential flight path.

Ms. Camacho noted that there are many more communities listed under the complaint page on the report.

Mr. Jackson acknowledged that there are more communities listed on the reports and will continue to work with Jeanette to make arrangements to add more room in the reports.

Mr. Jackson reported that ONCC has been working with United Airlines regarding usage of the GRE. CDA continues to send United weekly reports with GRE usage. United has been very responsive in making an effort to having their staff use the GRE on a regular basis.

#### **D. Fly Quiet Meeting with O'Hare Control Tower**

Mr. Annunzio reported that staff will establish a meeting date with the new Air Traffic Control Tower Manager Jim Krieger. He reminded everyone that since ONCC initiated meetings with the control tower, fewer air traffic deviations have occurred. The meetings are important to heighten controllers' awareness about the Fly Quiet Program.

#### **E. FAA Response to ONCC Regarding 65 DNL Noise Study**

Mr. Annunzio reported that on May 20, 2014 ONCC requested a timeline from FAA Administrator Michael Huerta regarding completion of a nation-wide airport survey to "evaluate the American public's annoyance reaction to aircraft noise." FAA Administrator Michael Huerta responded in a letter dated, July 25, 2014 that the survey and methodology are completed. The FAA requested funding for the survey to the Office of Management and Budget. The FAA requested comments from the public in a Federal Register Request for Comments, which closed yesterday, August 11, 2014. ONCC sent comments for public record to the FAA. A copy of the airport survey and correspondence was provided in the meeting packet.-

Mr. Huerta wrote the survey will not be completed until 2016. It was scheduled for the end of 2015. There are 20 U.S. airports involved in the study, but the FAA has not identified them.

#### **B. Next ONCC Technical Committee Meeting – September 9, 2014**

Mr. Annunzio reported that the next ONCC Technical Committee will meet on September 9, 2014 at the Bensenville Village Hall.

## **Comments from Members**

Mayor Jezierny said that if getting the noise monitors will not help with sound insulation, what can they do? Their community is getting bombarded with noise. How can they get the noise down? What can we do to help the situation? Do we go to the federal government for help?

## **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Mr. Vince Goldberg a candidate for the 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District addressed the ONCC Technical Committee regarding averages of noise versus the quantity of noise.

## **MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. Krumstok** moved and **Mr. Ryan** seconded that the meeting adjourn. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.