



**APPROVED MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 17, 2016  
MEETING OF THE O'HARE NOISE COMPATIBILITY COMMISSION  
RESIDENTIAL SOUND INSULATION COMMITTEE**

The O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC) Residential Sound Insulation Committee met on February 17, 2016, at the Norridge Village Hall, 4000 N. Olcott, Norridge, IL.

Chair Frank A. Damato called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. ONCC recorded the meeting minutes.

The following committee members were **PRESENT**:

Mr. Ron Sak, Member, Chicago Ward 38  
Ms. Catherine Dunlap, Member, Chicago Ward 41  
Chair Frank A. Damato, Designee, Cook County  
Ms. Judith Dunne Bernardi, Designee, Village of Norridge  
Mr. Jon Branham, Alternate, City of Park Ridge  
Trustee Larry Fritz, Alternate, Village of Schiller Park

The following committee members were **ABSENT**:

Bensenville, Des Plaines, Melrose Park, Rosemont, and Wood Dale

There being a majority of committee members in attendance, a quorum was present for the transaction of business.

The following staff was present: Jeanette Camacho – O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC); Aaron Frame – Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA); Bill Stephan – Cotter Consulting; and Amy Hanson – Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES— OCTOBER 21, 2015**

Ms. Dunlap moved, and Mr. Sak seconded a motion to approve the October 21, 2015 meeting minutes.

## **PHASE 16 O'HARE RESIDENTIAL SOUND INSULATION PROGRAM**

Mr. Stephan reported that homes in the Phase 16 historical pilot program are complete. His office completed noise audits and will generate a report. A presentation on the historic pilot program will be given at the next meeting.

Ms. Bernardi asked the length of time of the noise audit.

Mr. Stephan replied about 3 months.

Chairman Damato asked if there were any issues with the pilot program.

Mr. Stephan said that there were many learning lessons along the way, which was expected but overall the program went well.

## **PHASE 17 O'HARE RESIDENTIAL SOUND INSULATION PROGRAM**

Mr. Stephan reported that the total enrollment for Phase 17 is 1,007 homes. Homeowner briefings for that phase have been completed except for the historic homes. Home inventories are complete and bids are expected to go out during the second quarter of 2016. He added enrollment is low.

Ms. Bernardi asked if homeowners are declining the program.

Mr. Stephan replied that his staff is working with communities for better participation.

Ms. Dunlap asked if how many Ward 41 homeowners have declined to participate in the program.

Mr. Frame responded that there are roughly 100 Ward 41 homes and 100 Park Ridge homes that have either not responded or are just not interested in the program.

Mr. Frame reminded everyone that Mayor Rahm Emanuel recently announced funding was secured for the remaining phase for the OMP, which includes another runway, 9C/27C, and the extension of Runway 27L/9R. He noted that some homes that have either declined or have not responded will be under the new flight path and would benefit from sound insulation. He stressed that if qualified homeowners elect not to participate in Phase 17 and decide later that they would like to, it could take up to two additional years to receive sound insulation.

Mr. Frame said there are not enough homes enrolled in Phase 17 to warrant more than three contract bids. The program must move forward and he will not delay Phase 17 for those homeowners who have not responded or are not interested.

Chairman Damato said that in previous years enrollment also had been low and he recommended proceeding with the homeowners who are interested in participating. He suggested sending out a news release to get participation from homeowners.

Ms. Bernardi suggested another mailing be sent to homeowners stating that the program will move forward and it may take up to another two years to sound insulate their homes if they decided to participate later.

Chairman Damato said that the alderman should be alerted about the low enrollment and perhaps he could reach out to his residents who have not responded or declined to participate and encourage them to enroll in the program.

Ms. Dunlap said that there are many outlets to get the message to the public regarding participation and emphasize the quality of the work that goes into every home.

Chairman Damato introduced Mr. Jon Branham the new Park Ridge alternate.

Mr. Branham said that he will convey the message to Park Ridge officials regarding low enrollment.

### **Phase 18 Residential Sound Insulation Program**

Mr. Frame distributed a booklet to committee members that listed eligible homes for Phase 18 that are located within the 65 DNL noise contour. These homeowners have not participated because either they are new homeowners or chose not to participate in the past and now want sound insulation.

Phase 18 includes different communities within the 65 DNL noise contour.

Ms. Dunlap asked about the timing for Phase 18.

Mr. Frame said that the new runway is scheduled to be constructed by 2020. The FAA has required the CDA to complete sound insulation by full build out and some of the homes in Phase 18 have been eligible for some time.

Ms. Dunlap noted that this was great news and unfortunately not all the good news is reported.

### **Updated Residential Sound Insulation Program Fact Sheet**

Mr. Frame distributed an updated Residential Sound Insulation Program fact sheet to committee members that had already been uploaded to the CDA's website for the public as well.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

The next ONCC Residential Sound Insulation Committee Meeting will be held on April 20, 2016 at the Norridge Village Hall.

## **MEMBER COMMENTS**

None

## **AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

None

## **MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Dunlap moved, and Mr. Sak seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting ended at 10:03 a.m.