

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 26, 2017
O'HARE NOISE COMPATIBILITY COMMISSION
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

The O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC) Technical Committee met on Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at Mount Prospect Village Hall, 50 S. Emerson, Mount Prospect, IL.

ONCC Technical Committee Chair Catherine Dunlap called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. ONCC staff recorded the meeting minutes.

The following committee members were **PRESENT**:

Mr. Steve Skurski, Alternate, Village of Bensenville
Mr. Peter Bialek, Member, Chicago, 39th Ward
Ms. Pauline Sedlarz, Member, Chicago, 40th Ward
Committee Chair Catherine Dunlap, Member, Chicago, 41st Ward
Alderman John Arena, Member, Chicago, 45th Ward
Trustee Jon Kunkel, Alternate, Hanover Park
Mayor Arlene A. Juracek, Member, Village of Mount Prospect
Mr. Brian Gaseor, Designee, Village of Norridge
Mr. Tim Millar, Alternate, Village of Palatine
Mr. Al Rapp, Alternate, City of Park Ridge
Committee Vice-Chair Dennis Ryan, Member, Village of River Grove
Ms. Lori Ciezak, Designee, City of Rolling Meadows
Alderman Art Woods, Alternate, City of Wood Dale
Mr. Brian Gilligan, Alternate, School District 59

The following committee members were **ABSENT**:

Arlington Heights, Chicago 38th Ward, Des Plaines, Harwood Heights and Schaumburg.

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

Vildana Celik – CDA; Jeanette Camacho – ONCC; Jeffrey Jackson – Landrum & Brown; Fran Guziel and Maura El Metennani – ONCC Consultants.

The following guests were present:

Mary Ann Levar, U.S. Rep. Quigley; Ann Limjoco, U.S. Rep. Shakowsky;

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – August 15, 2017

Mr. Ryan moved and Ms. Sedlarz seconded a motion to approve the August 15, 2017 ONCC Technical Committee meeting minutes. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Portable/Permanent Noise Monitors

Ms. Celik updated the Committee on the status of the Permanent Noise Monitors. She said the project consisted of eight monitors and CDA was currently working on three suburban locations: Site 18 in Norridge, Site 31 in Bensenville and Site 44 in Itasca. She said the permits have been issued for all three sites and installation would begin sometime

in October 2017.

Ms. Celik also reported on a long-term portable noise monitor to be deployed in Bloomingdale for three months.

Alderman Arena asked for a timeline for the permanent noise monitor installation in Chicago.

Ms. Celik said staff was waiting for a schedule from ComEd.

Alderman Arena asked for general date for installation. He noted the monitor was approved in 2015 and had not been installed.

Ms. Celik responded that she thought a November timeframe would be a safe date. She said she would update the Committee when a date was confirmed.

Mr. Jackson reported on the Long-Term Portable Noise monitor readings for the month of August 2017. The report was included in the meeting packets.

Aircraft Noise Complaint System

Mr. Anderson reported the City of Chicago would be updating the entire 311 system.

Committee Chair Dunlap said the complaint system was being overloaded. She noted the application in which residents could submit complaints was burdening the entire system for the City of Chicago. She said the Committee would continue to provide input on modifications for the new system for aircraft noise complaints.

Mayor Juracek said residents were angry and upset over aircraft noise and chose to vent via the complaint system. She noted the issue was high on the Chicago Department of Aviation Commissioner's radar.

Mr. Jackson said CDA would welcome recommendations for the new system.

Mr. Rapp said people were not to blame for the system being overloaded.

Mr. Jackson said there were many complaints being submitted at the same time.

Mr. Rapp suggested a hardware update to the system to work efficiently.

Committee Chair Dunlap reminded everyone the Technical Committee had been discussing this issue for some time now. The system was being slowed down by the number of complaints being filed.

Mr. Ryan said most of the complaints submitted were like robo calls.

Committee Chair Dunlap asked what was the highest complaint by one individual.

Ms. Jackson responded 70,000 complaints in one month had come from one address.

Mr. Jackson reminded everyone the 311 system not only collected aircraft complaints but a variety of City of Chicago services.

Committee Chair Dunlap said the Committee would suggest what a good system for collecting aircraft noise complaints would be.

Mayor Juracek said ONCC was not trying to shut anyone out and had no intention of blocking complaints. ONCC would submit recommendations for aircraft noise complaints to the City of Chicago.

Mr. Rapp said a system should be in place to collect all aircraft noise complaint calls. He'd like to see how many times the server had been down.

Committee Chair Dunlap said the City of Chicago was taking the initiative to make improvements to the system.

Aircraft Arrival Altitudes

Committee Chair Dunlap reminded the Committee that the topic of aircraft altitudes had been discussed previously at the Technical Committee meetings.

Mr. Jackson reported that the aircraft altitudes on arrivals vary at every runway. He provided East and West arrival altitudes for the runways.

Alderman Woods asked if the altitudes were always at the perfect points.

Mr. Jackson said they were an average but that most were precise.

Mr. Jackson said if anyone observed a date and time that an aircraft might appear lower than normal, they should make a note and staff would look further.

Alderman Woods asked why aircraft can't be higher.

Committee Chair Dunlap reminded everyone once again that the discussion on altitude for arrivals had been discussed at a previous meeting and a presentation was given by a pilot.

Mr. Jackson said ONCC wrote the FAA a letter regarding the 3-degree glide slope and the FAA responded in writing.

Committee Chair Dunlap noted all aircraft perform differently and the load they carry also factors in.

Mr. Ryan also pointed out weather made a difference on aircraft performance.

Mr. Gilligan asked if controllers were involved when an aircraft was at a lower descent on arrival.

Mr. Jackson said controllers were charged with spacing aircraft and unless they were below the threshold.

Committee Chair Dunlap requested that staff list all the runways and their approximate arrival altitudes.

Modifications to Quarterly Fly Quiet Reports

Mr. Jackson provided a draft Fly Quiet report with suggested modifications for future reports.

Alderman Arena expressed concern over changing the Fly Quiet Reports especially with eliminating shoulder hours.

Alderman Woods expressed concerns over changing the report and not having a comparison.

Mr. Jackson said the intent was to have the Fly Quiet report evolve not necessarily change but modernize the report with appropriate information.

Mr. Jackson requested that all suggestions be emailed to Ms. Camacho or Committee Chair Dunlap for further consideration.

Draft 2018 ONCC Meeting Calendar

Committee Chair Dunlap presented the 2018 ONCC Technical Committee dates.

Technical Committee Chair Updates

Committee Chair Dunlap asked committee members for input on 2018 topics. She said a presentation on aircraft flaps and wheels would be considered for future topics.

Next ONCC Technical Committee Meeting

Committee Chair Dunlap announced the next ONCC Technical Committee meeting would be held on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at the Mount Prospect Village Hall.

Member Comments

None

Audience Comments

Mr. Dwyer, a resident of Medinah, commented on the Fly Quiet suggested edits and talked about changes to the complaint system.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Woods moved, and Mr. Ryan seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting ended at 10:14 a.m.