



**APPROVED MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2018  
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 September 18, 2018, at the Norridge Village Hall, 4000 N. Olcott, Norridge IL at 9:30 a.m.

ONCC personnel recorded the meeting minutes.

The following committee members were **PRESENT**:

Mr. Steve Skurski, Alternate, Bensenville  
Ms. Catherine Dunlap, Member, Chicago Ward 41  
Committee Chair Frank A. Damato, Cook County  
Committee Vice Chair Ralph Sorce, Designee, Melrose Park  
Mr. Brian Gaseor, Designee, Norridge  
Mr. Jon Branham, Alternate, Park Ridge  
Mr. Brian Baugh, Alternate, Rosemont  
Mr. Larry Fritz, Member, Schiller Park

The following committee members were **ABSENT**:  
Chicago Ward 38 and Des Plaines

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

The following staff members were present: Jeanette Camacho – O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC); Aaron Frame – Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA); Vildana Celik – CDA; Fran Guziel - ONCC Consultant; and Doug Blanchard – Cotter Consulting.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES—May 16, 2018**

Mr. Gaseor moved and Ms. Dunlap seconded a motion to approve the May 16, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**O'Hare Phase 17 Residential Sound Insulation Program Status**

CDA Consultant reported on the status of Phase 17 homes: 272 homes did not enroll and would be invited in the future; 748 homes have been completed.

Historical homes (131) are the only homes left to sound insulate under Contract 3. Contract 1 was completed in April 2018, Contract 2 was also completed, but remaining homes not completed in Phase 17 will most likely be included in Phase 19.

The goal is to have all homes completed under the OMP by the completion of the last runway extension scheduled for 2021.

CDA presented two updated fact sheets and one chart:

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

Mr. Frame provided updated Residential Sound Insulation Program fact sheets. To date there are 11,500 homes that have been sound insulated at a cost of approximately \$333 million.

Chairman Damato said the Residential Sound Insulation Program started in 1995 and continues to move forward. He asked how and when would the CDA finalize the program for those who still qualify, but have not opted to participate.

Mr. Frame said the next two years would be a final call to finish any home under the OMP Noise Contour.

Chairman Damato asked if another contour will be done when OMP is complete.

Mr. Frame said that after completion of OMP, the FAA will require another Contour looking into future noise at that point.

Ms. Dunlap asked staff to consider adding the sound insulation cutoff dates so residents can distinguish between pre and post OMP.

Mr. Frame reported CDA would add the remaining homes to the maps and charts when the ONCC passes a resolution for Phase 19.

### **O'Hare Phase 18 Residential Sound Insulation Program Status**

Mr. Frame reported he approved a letter to be sent to Phase 18 homeowners. It will go out within the next day or two. An architect has been selected. Homeowner briefings will be scheduled for the fourth quarter November or December. There are 531 homeowners eligible in the Phase 18 program. The phase will be split with the first 250 applicants under Bid 1. The next 280 enrolled will be included in Bid 2.

He explained that the letter is short and informs the homeowners about the process and includes an invitation to attend a briefing if the homeowner wanted additional information. It was not mandatory to attend the briefing. He will conduct one briefing on the east side of the airport and one briefing on the south side of the airport.

### **Residential Program Odorous Window Status**

Mr. Frame reported that for over a year the CDA has been investigating and studying the causes of the complaints from homeowners experiencing odors emanating from sound insulated windows. There have been public meetings and two reports issued that concluded that the odor was coming from the window screens but is not harmful or a health issue. The screen materials are PVC coated fiberglass. CDA used the California guidelines for its study since the state of Illinois and the EPA had no published guidelines.

CDA has engaged InterTech to look for modifications to relieve the odor problem and should have a report at the end of October. CDA is recommending that homeowners remove the screens from the windows as a temporary solution to the problem.

Mr. Frame said several of the city's departments are working with them on this issue including law, finance, procurement, and public health. There have been numerous meetings with the Chicago Aviation Committee and aldermen who represent the homeowners affected. Of the total number of homeowners, 15 percent are from the O'Hare region and 85 percent are from Midway.

Ms. Dunlap asked how many homes have reported issues in the O'Hare area.

Mr. Frame replied there have been 173 homes inspected for O'Hare and 126 homes have been confirmed odorous.

Ms. Dunlap suggested creating a spreadsheet stating the number of homes and the locations of confirmed homes.

Mr. Gaseor asked if residents are satisfied with replacement of the screen mesh.

Mr. Frame said the majority of homeowners are relieved that the smell is not harmful. He said some homes have a stronger smell than others. They've suggested the removal the mesh screen until a solution is identified.

### **Draft 2019 ONCC Residential Sound Insulation Committee Meeting Calendar**

The draft 2019 ONCC Residential Sound Insulation was presented to the committee.

### **Next ONCC Residential Committee Meeting**

The next meeting of the Residential Committee is scheduled for November 14, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. at the Norridge Village Hall, 4000 N. Olcott, Norridge.

### **MEMBER COMMENTS**

No comments were made.

### **AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

Ms. Rito, a resident of Park Ridge, inquired about sound insulation regarding her home in Phase 18.

Mr. Micel, a resident of Norridge, complained about his home not being eligible for sound insulation. He said he is affected by aircraft noise.

Mr. Davita, a resident of Norridge, complained of aircraft noise and said it is unbearable to live in his home.

Mr. Barnette, a resident of Park Ridge, had questions regarding the odorous windows.

Mr. Frame agreed to speak to all homeowners after the meeting to answer any additional questions.

## **MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Gaseor moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Fritz seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 10:25 a.m.