



**APPROVED MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 14, 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 November 14, 2018, at the Norridge Village Hall, 4000 N. Olcott, Norridge IL at 9:31 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— September 19, 2018

Mr. Sorce moved and Ms. Dunlap seconded a motion to approve the September 19, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Phase 17

Mr. Doug Blanchard of Cotter Consulting reported changes to Phase 17 which included a reduction of historical homes to be sound insulated by one home the total went from 132 homes to 131 homes on the roster. He expects the Bid package 3 to be together by 1st quarter 2019. Bid packages 1 and 2 were completed with 616 homes sound insulated.

Phase 18

Mr. Frame of the Chicago Department of Aviation reported that the Phase 18 initiative had been delayed due to the procurement approval of architectural fees. He estimated Phase 18 would begin in 1st quarter of 2019. He said residents would be notified by January or February. When the CDA receives architectural clearance, they will hold two resident meetings, one west of the airport and one east of the airport.

Odorous Window Status

Mr. Frame reported that because the original window manufacturer, Sound Solutions, went out of business many residents could not get warranty service on windows that were installed for sound insulation. The CDA had addressed urgent cases and no homeowner had been wait listed for safety, security or leaking windows. CDA is pursuing legal recourse through the insurance companies of the general contractors who used manufactures that are now out of business.

The CDA released reports in October regarding solutions for odorous windows. Aviation Commissioner Jamie Rhee urged the department to take another look at the situation to bring relief to the homeowners.

Wood Environment reported in their study that there was no imminent danger due to chemicals in the air. They used California standards as a guideline. They tested in the summer and in the winter. They agreed there was a chemical present, it had a foul odor, but did not pose a health issue.

CDA hired InterTech to solve the odorous window problem. They determined that the odor was caused by the PVC coating on fiberglass screens. They determined that when the screens were removed the odor went away, but not entirely. Another test technique was to drill vent holes to release the vinyl odor without compromising sound insulation. They also wiped the window sashes with mineral spirits to diminish the odor.

CDA is now looking at construction specs for future sound insulation window placement to ensure this issue won't happen again.

Mr. Frame reported to the Committee that of the 195 inquiries from O'Hare residents, 134 were validated as having odorous windows. CDA continues to take each call and validate accordingly.

To date 11,540 homes have been sound insulated in the O'Hare region with just 134 homes affected by odorous windows and 10,175 homes in the Midway region and 500 homes verified. Homeowners are relieved odors are not a health issue, but want the situation remedied.

Fly Quiet Program—Sound Insulation Impact

Ms. Dunlap, Technical Committee Chair, shared her concern regarding the Fly Quiet criteria, which would be approved at the Fly Quiet Committee Meeting being held the next day. She felt it might impact the Record of Decision(ROD) regarding which homes would receive sound insulation based on the 2005 full build out noise contour.

The CDA staff presented the Residential Committee with three graphics of runway utilization: 2015 Estimated Runway Utilization in use today, Estimated Runway Utilization beginning in 2020 with Runway 9C/27C in use, and Estimated Runway Utilization at OMP Build Out.

Ms. Dunlap warned members that the process moving forward must be clear to residents because since 2005 ONCC has been telling residents who was eligible for sound insulation. CDA staff explained that the ROD OMP contemplated no changes to the Fly Quiet Program, however the FAA stated there could be changes if the ONCC requested change. The process would require substantial analysis, draft documents, and public hearings, but the process would not start without the ONCC being comfortable with the plan.

Mr. Frame continued to say this was how the aviation department viewed sound insulation after the OMP—with a new noise contour in place to measure the effect of aircraft noise. Ms. Dunlap believed the ONCC must do its due diligence if asking for a major change and it was an incredible responsibility. If ONCC changed Fly Quiet, then what did ONCC do to make it right.

Mr. Frame said the CDA is committed to help ONCC through the process, but the CDA needs to know what the ONCC wants. The Fly Quiet Committee needs to develop the rules to guide the plan.

ONCC Comments

Mr. Dennis Ryan, Vice Chair of the Technical Committee, said he was disappointed at the poor turnout for “Noise 201” at yesterday’s Technical Committee meeting. He felt it would be beneficial for all members to understand the complicated and timely process of noise modeling as the ONCC went forward with the Fly Quiet initiative. He reminded members that the Technical Committee would be presenting “Airport 201” in January.

Next ONCC Residential Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the Residential Committee is scheduled for March 13, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. at the Norridge Village Hall, 4000 N. Olcott, Norridge.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

No comments were made.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Gaseor moved to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Dunlap seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 10:35 a.m.