

**APPROVED MINUTES OF MARCH 13, 2019
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 March 13, 2019, at the Norridge Village Hall, 4000 N. Olcott, Norridge, Illinois at 9:32 a.m.

ONCC personnel recorded the meeting minutes.

The following committee members were **PRESENT**:

Mr. Brian Baugh, Alternate, Rosemont
Mr. Jon Branham, Alternate, Park Ridge
Alderman Malcom Chester, Alternate, Des Plaines
Ms. Catherine Dunlap, Member, Chicago Ward 41
Mr. Brian Gaseor, Designee, Norridge
Mr. Russel Klug, Alternate, Schiller Park
Mr. Steve Skurski, Alternate, Bensenville
Committee Vice-Chair Ralph Sorce, Designee, Melrose Park

The following committee members were **ABSENT**:

Cook County and Chicago Ward 38

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

The following staff members were present: Aaron Frame and Vildana Celi—Chicago Department of Aviation; Doug Blanchard and Norma....—Cotter Consulting; Maura El Metennani and Fran Guziel—ONCC Consultants

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES—November 14, 2018

Ms. Dunlap moved, and Mr. Gaseor seconded the motion to approve the November 14, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Phase 17 Program Status

Mr. Doug Blanchard of Cotter Consulting reported one change to Phase 17 under the Historical Home Section; advertising for bids went out and bids are expected by the second quarter 2019 Bid openings are expected for the third quarter 2019. He presented the committee with an updated chart for reference. All other information remained the same.

Ms. Dunlap requested a more definitive timeline for the phase process. Mr. Blanchard explained the process and estimated that it would be closer to fourth quarter when work would begin which would be six to eight weeks after the contract was awarded.

Phase 18 Program Status

Mr. Frame of the Chicago Department of Aviation reported that the department was awaiting approval of the architect. There are 532 homes in Phase 18. There will be two homeowner briefings, one on the east side of the airport and one on the west side of the airport. These dwellings have been eligible for

the last ten years and the homeowners have been re-invited to participate in sound insulation. He said the contracts will be divided into two sections, 18A and 18B. The first section will have 250 homes and will be chosen on a first come first served basis. The CDA will copy every participating community. The contracts are federally funded and must comply.

Mr. Frame also said that Phase 18 would be about a quarter behind the Phase 17 schedule.

Vice Chair Sorce asked how many homeowners declined sound insulation.

Mr. Frame said 532 homeowners accepted the invitation and there are still approximately 1,000 dwellings that are eligible, and those homeowners will be invited to participate in Phase 19. Today there are 117 enrolled in Phase 19.

Mr. Gaseor reiterated that there are about 1,600 homes left to sound insulate. To which Mr. Frame answered yes, but not all will take advantage of sound insulation.

Alderman Chester questioned noise contour changes and Mr. Frame explained that Interim Fly Quiet program is temporary and would not affect sound insulation until all runways are completed and then the FAA would perform environmental testing.

Ms. Dunlap urged committee members to attend homeowner briefings because it prepares members to answer questions.

Mr. Frame shared that after the briefings his department stays to answer individual questions.

Odorous Window Status

Mr. Frame recapped the findings that the odor was emanating from PVC coated window screens. The CDA is very close to announcing its solution in the spring to remedy the problem for the windows in question. He said that in the last 24 years, the CDA had sound insulated 11, 540 homes in the O'Hare region. To date there have been 197 inquiries from O'Hare residents and CDA went to 186 homes to inspect the situation. Of those homes only 137 were confirmed, which was a little over one percent.

Vice Chair Sorce asked if these homes would have full replacement. To which Mr. Frame replied that the screens would be replaced and there would be some mechanical replacements to cover the warranty. He also said that during this time the CDA replaced entire windows in nine homes located in Chicago and four homes located in the suburbs. He continued to say that there were 63 homes located in Chicago and 61 homes located in the suburbs that were experiencing mechanical problems with the windows. There were also some homeowners that had no warranty. In the end the CDA wants homeowners to have a good experience and these windows will be fixed to complete the mechanical issues. He went on to thank several Chicago departments such as legal, procurement, and aviation that used the resources to solve the odorous window problem on behalf of the homeowner.

Vice Chair Sorce told Mr. Frame that the Residential Sound Insulation Committee commended him and the CDA.

Mr. Gaseor asked about homeowners coming back who did not have an extended warranty.

Mr. Frame felt that CDA would be working on short- and long-term plans and thought that residents had been trying to get in touch with manufacturers to cover warranty work and when they could not reach

them because they went out of business some stopped trying. But now they can always call the CDA office where the CDA can look up the record and the warranties. Right now, the department has Mr. Jerry McQueen, construction manager, who is contacting residents about warranties. We are doing due diligence; we want to be transparent.

Mr. Sorce asked how many screens would be replaced.

Mr. Frame said that of the 66,000 homes, the contractor Sound Solutions installed 25 percent of them for a total of 27,000 homes. Of those, 700 were confirmed to have a problem and 137 of those were in the O'Hare region.

Vice Chair Sorce asked if he thought more would become a problem.

Mr. Frame believed a clear majority of the problem windows had been resolved. He said odor is subjective and it was a problem for some and not others. CDA will continue to take the calls and offer solutions.

Ms. Dunlap asked for a single-sheet accounting report.

Committee Comments: none

Audience Comments: Mr. Mark Walston, Des Plaines, asked if sound insulation ever extended past windows such as air conditioning and attic insulation.

Adjournment

Alderman Chester moved, and Mr. Branham seconded the motion to adjourn. The meeting ended at 10:10 a.m.

The next Residential Sound Insulation Committee will meet on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at the Norridge Village Hall at 9:30 a.m.