

## ONCC Technical Committee Meeting Approved Minutes – September 17, 2019

The O’Hare Noise Compatibility Commission Technical Committee met on Tuesday, September 17, 2019, at Mount Prospect Village Hall, 50 S. Emerson, Mount Prospect, IL

ONCC Technical Committee Chair Catherine Dunlap called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. ONCC staff recorded the minutes.

The following committee members were PRESENT:

Mr. Evan Summers, Designee, Village of Bensenville  
Mr. Peter Bialek, Member, Chicago, 39th Ward  
Committee Chair Catherine Dunlap, Member, Chicago, 41st Ward  
Committeeman John Arena, Member, Chicago Ward 45  
Mr. Jon Kunkel, Designee, Village of Hanover Park  
Mr. Brian Gaseor, Designee, Village of Norridge  
Mr. Elias Koutas, Alternate, Village of Palatine  
Ms. Karyn Robles, Designee, Village of Schaumburg  
Mr. Brian Gilligan, Alternate, School District 59  
Ms. Lori Ciezak, Alternate, City of Rolling Meadows

The following committee members were ABSENT:

Arlington Heights, Mount Prospect, Park Ridge, Des Plaines, Itasca, Wood Dale, and River Grove

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

Aaron Frame and Vildana Celik – CDA; Jeanette Camacho – ONCC; Ryan Anderson – Landrum & Brown; and Maura El Metennani and Fran Guziel – ONCC Consultant.

### **Approval of Minutes – August 20, 2019**

Mr. Arena moved, and Mr. Gaseor seconded a motion to approve the August 20, 2019 ONCC Technical Committee meeting minutes. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Chair Dunlap recognized MaryAnne Levar from U.S. Rep. Quigley’s district office, stating that she would be retiring, and thanked her for her years of service.

### **Noise Monitor Updates**

Ms. Celik reported that all eight noise monitors are available for resident use. The municipal noise monitor was deployed to Niles on July 22 and will be in use until October. She presented and reviewed a new chart that illustrated 23 portable monitor location sites for 2018 which went as far west as St. Charles and the date range of the service of each of those monitors.

The long-term portable noise monitor located in Chicago Ward 39 had a reading of 59.2 for the month of July.

### **311 Modernization System Update**

There was no update to report but CDA representatives wanted to present a concept of first-time complainants which would segway out to emerging trends or a new noise issue.

Mr. Arena wanted to know if the committee would still see the aggregate.

Chair Dunlap thought it would be a good idea to see the problems and trends.

Mr. Gaseor wanted to know if it would be possible to show repeat complainants. The CDA thought it could be possible to show repeat complainants.

Chair Dunlap thought it could work visually—perhaps with colors.

Mr. Anderson said that it could be based off verifiable addresses where the complaint was made.

### **Annual Airport Operations/Annual Operations and Enplanements**

Mr. Anderson presented new material to the committee. The first chart illustrated 18 years of operations and enplanements or purchased tickets. The graph showed downturns during the recession of 2009 and how operations picked up enplanements due to up-gauging by the airlines. Airlines used to rely on smaller regional aircraft, but no more. Now there is an increase in passengers due to the use of larger aircraft.

Mr. Gilligan wanted to know if the long-term trend was based on the economy.

Mr. Anderson thought it would reflect fewer passengers if there was a recession.

Chair Dunlap wanted to look into economic trends in the airline industry and thought it would be a good idea to have a transportation economist address the committee.

The second chart was the annual operations bar chart representing 18 years of daytime and nighttime operations at O'Hare. The annual nighttime operations remained consistent at 9 to 11 percent of operations even though total operations increased over the years.

Mr. Gilligan wanted to know if this relationship was occurring nationwide.

Mr. Anderson said that the airlines transition aircraft back to hubs for nighttime maintenance and to get ready for morning flights. Aircraft were positioned back to where the fleets were located.

### **Airline Fleet Mix Report**

Mr. Anderson presented a standard fleet mix report that was broken down by airline from January 1 to July 31, 2019.

Mr. Anderson said that United, American and their affiliate airlines represented 90 percent of the operations at O'Hare. He added that there would be an update for the entire calendar year.

Chair Dunlap asked for a chart that would illustrate the loudest aircraft.

Mr. Anderson replied that there could be a new report to update the noise footprint of aircraft to see which aircraft were the loudest.

Chair Dunlap wanted to know what airlines had put the device on A320s to reduce noise on the landing approach.

Mr. Frame said the Boeing 717 is similar to the MD80s and Mr. Anderson said that airlines were purchasing cheaper aircraft from other airlines; for example, FedEx uses older aircraft here at O'Hare and it would be useful to compare with the loudest since they have a significant number of operations here. Ms. Dunlap said the A320 is a newer aircraft; Delta and FedEx are problematic buying newer planes, making a big splash with 737s and not using them here...we may get information or not. She also said that FedEx and UPS do not go to the cargo management meetings because they have a separate relationship with the airport.

#### **O'Hare Airfield Tour**

Ms. Dunlap announced that the O'Hare airfield tour on September 26 is full.

Next Technical Committee meeting will be held on October 15, 2019.

#### **Comments from the Audience**

Mr. Dwyer thanked the CDA for putting the reports together and commented that the Governance Committee will be looking to see if distance from the airport would limit membership to which he reminded everyone that on one given day 1,300 to 800 planes turn over St. Charles. The baseline has been different since 2013. It is a good educational tool and it is difficult to explain to people. He sends portable monitor reports to people.

#### **Adjournment**

Mr. Arena moved to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Gaseor seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 am.