

**Approved MINUTES OF September 18, 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 September 18, 2019, at the Norridge Village Hall, 4000 N. Olcott, Norridge, Illinois.

Chairman Sorce called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. ONCC personnel recorded the meeting minutes.

The following committee members were **PRESENT**:

Mr. Brian Baugh, Alternate, Rosemont
Ms. Catherine Dunlap, Member, Chicago Ward 41
Mr. Brian Gaseor, Designee, Norridge
Mr. Larry Fritz, Alternate, Schiller Park
Mr. Steve Skurski, Alternate, Bensenville
Committee Vice-Chair Ralph Sorce, Designee, Melrose Park
Mr. Steve Judge, Alternate, Schiller Park

The following committee members were **ABSENT**:

Des Plaines, Park Ridge, 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: Jeanette Camacho—ONCC; Aaron Frame and Vildana Celi—Chicago Department of Aviation; Doug Blanchard and Norma Fragoso—Cotter Consulting; Maura El Metennani and Fran Guziel—ONCC Consultants

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES—May 15, 2019

Ms. Dunlap moved, and Mr. Gaseor seconded the motion to approve the May 15, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Odorous Window Update

Mr. Frame reported that there had been 50 O'Hare homes that had mechanical repairs on the windows to date. These were not life safety repairs and were covered under warranty. There were a few homes that would be completed next week. These homes only have mechanical problems.

Ms. Dunlap asked what the period of the warranty is. Mr. Frame replied that the manufacturer went out of business, so in order to address the homeowners' concerns the City was conducting the repairs. He said there was a one-year contractor warranty and the CDA's effort was to fix those problems; this was not a replacement—parts or components need replacing.

As for the odorous windows, the State of Illinois included a provision for odorous windows in their annual budget bill which was passed in May. A portion of the jet fuel sales tax will be allocated for odorous windows replacement at O'Hare and Midway homes. The state has yet to form a five-member advisory committee would be responsible for dispersing the funds. The committee falls under the direction of the Illinois Department of Transportation. The money has not been funded yet and the money has to go into the account before CDA can fix the windows. Hopeful by the November meeting the CDA will have an update.

Ms. Dunlap asked if a member of the committee will include someone from the Chicago area.

Mr. Frame replied that he believed representation for both airports would be essential.

Once funding is available, the City will go out to bid for a competitively bid contract for the replacement of odorous windows. They have been working on updating the technical spec for a number of months, based on what they learned in order to prevent this in the future.

Phase 17 Program Status

Mr. Doug Blanchard of Cotter Consulting reported there are 748 homes enrolled in the program and 272 did not enroll. Historic homes will go out to bid in the first quarter of 2020. CDA is doing the final testing on the specifications of the PVC on the screens. The testing is expected to wrap up in October. The bid opening will take place in the second quarter of 2020. There are now 131 historical homes enrolled in the program because one homeowner dropped out of the program.

Phase 18 Program Status

Mr. Blanchard reported there are 530 homes in Phase 18. The CDA cannot pinpoint exactly when there will be a homeowner briefing, but they were hoping by mid-November the specifications would be ready and two weeks in advance to homeowners. They will advertise for bids in the second and third quarter of 2020.

Ms. Dunlap wanted to know the number of homes for Chicago Wards 38 and 41.

Mr. Frame said there would be a resolution.

Mr. Gaseor wanted to know the deadline for sound insulation.

Mr. Frame said the CDA would finish all homes by the completion of the extension of Runway 9L-27R in 2021, which would be two years and three months. He said Phases 18/19 already had homes listed that had been invited in previous years and had declined the program. He will bring the resolution for Phase 19 to the committee which will be for the remaining homes. They all will be contacted and asked to participate again. His department was concentrating on getting work done in the next 27 months.

Ms. Dunlap said the CDA had done an incredible job reaching out to homeowners and she was surprised that people are just not responding to the valuable program.

Mr. Frame said once neighbors see the work being done, they want to know how they can be part of the program, but he did not expect 100 percent participation in the program. There will be multiple final letters from the CDA with the hope that municipalities can help. The goal is to sound insulate as many homes as possible.

2020 ONCC Meetings Calendar

Vice Chair Sorce said the draft 2020 ONCC Meetings Calendar will be approved at the next ONCC meeting.

Mr. Gaseor noted that the Village of Norridge has early voting scheduled to take place in the meeting room, so either the date or location would need to be changed.

The next Residential Sound Insulation Committee will meet on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at the Norridge Village Hall at 9:30 a.m.

Adjournment

Mr. Gaseor moved, and Ms. Dunlap seconded the motion to adjourn. The meeting ended at 9:54 a.m.