

**O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission
Residential Committee Meeting
Norridge Village Hall
4000 N. Olcott, Norridge, IL
January 29, 2020
APPROVED Meeting Minutes**

The O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC) Residential Sound Insulation Committee met on January 29, 2020, at the Norridge Village Hall, 4000 N. Olcott, Norridge, Illinois.

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

The following committee members were PRESENT:

Mr. Steve Skurski, Alternate, Bensenville

Mr. Frank Icuss, Chicago Ward 41

Alderman Malcolm Chester, Alternate, Des Plaines

Chairman Ralph Source, Designee, Melrose Park

Vice Chair Brian Gaseor, Designee, Norridge

Mr. Ernie Kosower, Designee, Park Ridge

Mr. Brian Baugh, Alternate, Rosemont

Mr. Larry Fritz, Alternate, Schiller Park

Approval of Minutes – November 13, 2019

Vice Chair Gaseor moved, seconded by Alderman Chester to approve the minutes of November 13, 2019. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Presentation: RSIP Pre- and Post-Construction Noise Audits

Mr. Dustin Greisman presented the following details:

- Explained pre-and post- construction noise audits
- Reviewed the fundamentals of acoustics
- Reviewed FAA Airport Improvement Program Guidelines and Noise Reduction Goals
- Provided overview of the two most common methods for conducting a noise audit and reviewed testing process highlights:
 - Aircraft Overflight Method: Noise Source –flyover aircraft events
 - Artificial Source Method: Noise Source –loudspeaker & pink noise

Mr. Frame suggested that Mr. Greisman return to the May Residential Committee meeting for another presentation. The Committee members agreed.

RSIP Odorous Window Update

Mr. Frame reviewed that there were 2 types of problems with regard to previous vendor Sound Solutions going out of business – some homes had mechanical problems and some had odor problems. For mechanical only issues - there was a backlog of homes for both Midway and O'Hare; to date they have addressed all homes except for 10. On the issue of odor, language was included in the state of Illinois Budget bill which was passed by the legislature in May, and signed by the governor in June. The state of Illinois is offering funding to pay for window replacements and wants to create a state advisory

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committee to direct the CDA on how to handle the odorous windows. The committee shall consist of 5 members who have yet to be named. State law has required CDA to replace windows in their entirety, which will be done with state funding. Aviation Jet Fuel Sales tax already collected from aviation users – first \$7.5 million will be used for window replacement. That will be shared between O’Hare and Midway. 81% of affected homes are at Midway; 19% of homes are at O’Hare. There are a total of 800 homes that need to be addressed.

Specification edits have been completed – working with attorneys to harmonize all of the general conditions. City staff have done a lot of research, addressing technical specifications, they will be doing some Requests for Information to attract new window suppliers and new general contractors.

Mr. Kosower asked if the committee would be under the auspices of the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT).

Mr. Frame replied that it would be.

Mr. Kosower asked how new complaints would be handled. Mr. Frame explained the process of how complaints are handled. Complaints are researched and investigated.

Mr. Gaseor asked how long it would be before the window replacement begins.

Mr. Frame said it depends on when the contraction contract can be advertised.

Mr. Frame stated that it usually takes 3-4 months from the time a contract goes out to bid and work actually begins. It also depends on the financing. It has yet to be determined if the City is paying for the work and being reimbursed by the state or if they are waiting for the state to deposit funds.

RSIP Phase 17 Update

Doug – O’Hare Phase 17 – hope to go out to bid this quarter, open bids in the second quarter
Did not enroll – 272 homes are still eligible to participate and will be invited in a later phase.

RSIP Phase 18 Update

Homeowner briefings for Phase 18 were conducted Nov. 7 – Nov. 21, 2019. January 20, 2020 was advertised as the cut-off date for Phase 18 enrollment. 415 participants have enrolled to date.

CDA has started home inventories; hope to complete by the first week of April.

Alderman Chester asked about eligible homes in his area which are concentrated on one pocket, yet homes throughout his ward are impacted, especially by the runway rotation. He asked if that would be taken into consideration for those residents who are now experiencing noise.

Mr. Frame said that depends on what the ONCC decides with regard to the Fly Quiet Program. They FAA considers that a temporary situation and does not allow sound insulation under those circumstances. The current residential sound insulation program is based on OMP full buildout. The sound insulation is based on future noise.

Mr. Icuss asked how residents can get an update status of the program for homes already enrolled.

Mr. Frame provided the phone number, 773-894-3636.

Phase 19 Update

Mr. Frame reviewed the resolution for Phase 19. OMP was approved in 2005. The environmental analysis identified 6,000 homes that were newly impacted. Over the years, the ONCC has approved the sequencing plans for completing those homes. The resolution recounts the history of the program. The general plan was to sound insulate the homes close to when the respective new runways are coming on line. There is one new runway coming on line in November 2020. It is a new flight path that has not existed before. He stated that the City will be doing an outreach campaign to inform residents of the new runway opening. 9R/27L runway extension has begun and is scheduled to be completed in 2021. Want to have mitigation in place before the new runways come on line.

Mr. Frame read through the resolution.

Mr. Gaseor asked if the language should be modified to include structures in other communities.

Mr. Frame said he would be happy to do so. He explained that they are trying to prevent sound insulation of illegal conversions. Chicago has a defined term for “dwelling unit.” He suggested adding in “and other communities and their respective codes as applicable.” He said some communities have their own code, some use international building codes.

Mr. Gaseor suggested also adding “codes of other communities.”

Mr. Frame will review the changes with attorneys and bring revised resolution to the full commission meeting in February.

Mr. Icuss asked about compliance with zoning codes – do the homes have to comply with building and zoning codes?

Mr. Frame explained the process with Department of Buildings. CDA will not make determination of illegal conversion. They transit a formal memo to building department, and ask them to review and make a determination.

Mr. Kosower asked if they had been asked by other communities to do this.

Ms. Chelic replied that for Phase 18, they met with all municipalities to determine which codes need to be followed with respect to the sound insulation work. All communities requested notification if they run across illegal conversion.

Mr. Frame stated that there were 1,016 homes that had been invited over the last 15 years; Phase 19 is the last chance to enroll. CDA hopes to sound insulate as many of these homes as possible. All vital documents have been translated into Spanish and Polish and other language assistance is also available upon request.

Mr. Frame reviewed the various options and packages. For the historical homes, they have to replace like for like (if they are contributing to the overall historic character of the district). They do not have to restore to original conditions.

Alderman Chester moved, seconded by Mr. Kowoser to approve advancing the resolution to the General Membership pending edits as discussed.

Roll Call:

Bensenville – Yes

Chicago 41st Ward – Yes

Des Plaines – Yes

Melrose Park – Yes

Norridge – Yes

Park Ridge – Yes

Rosemont – Yes

Schiller Park - Yes

The motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the ONCC Residential Committee is scheduled for May 13, 2020.

Comments from the Audience

Diane Reil, Chicago spoke. She stated that her home has odorous screens. Her home was tested for odor, as were her neighbors'. She asked if all homes' windows would be replaced? Mr. Frame explained that the inspections are conducted upon request. Residents are welcome to call and request an inspection.

Adjournment

Alderman Chester made a motion to adjourn. Vice Chair Gaseor seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

