

Approved Meeting Minutes
O'HARE NOISE COMPATIBILITY COMMISSION
Executive Committee Meeting via ZOOM
April 27, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Arlene Juracek called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members: Mayor Arlene Juracek, Village of Mount Prospect; Mr. Joseph Annunzio, Village of Nilcs; Mr. Brian Gaseor, Village of Norridge; Dr. Jennifer Kelsall, School District 234; Mr. Ernie Kosower, City of Park Ridge; Dr. Raymond Kuper, School District 234; Ms. Karyn Robles, Village of Schaumburg; Mr. Dennis Ryan, Village of River Grove; Mr. Evan Summers, Village of Bensenville

Absent: Mr. Ralph Sorce, Village of Melrose Park

Others present: Ms. Jeanette Camacho, ONCC Executive Director; Mr. Aaron Frame, Chicago Department of Aviation; Ms. Vildana Chelik, Chicago Department of Aviation; Mr. Ryan Anderson, Landrum & Brown; Ms. Maura El Metennani, ONCC Consultant; Ms. Fran Guziel, ONCC Consultant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Ryan moved, seconded by Mr. Summers to approve the minutes of the March 30, 2020 ONCC Executive Committee meeting. Motion carried.

IMPACT OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC ON RUNWAY UTILIZATION

Mr. Frame reported that even with the decrease of operations at O'Hare the CDA is still receiving noise complaints. He said air traffic is using different approaches. It is a good idea to use flight tracker tools.

Mr. Anderson from Landrum & Brown said he would have a full summary of the COVID-19 impact on the runway utilization. He said there were 800 cancellations daily—a 74 percent decrease in operations and passenger demand. He would explain how that evolved and where we are today at the next Technical Committee meeting.

Mayor Juracek commented that perhaps the decrease in operations make aircraft more noticeable and noise complaints increase.

Mr. Anderson said that air traffic is utilizing the air space differently and the air traffic is bringing in aircraft sooner on arrivals—minor changes when there is less traffic.

Mr. Summers asked if the increase in operations will the airline industry use a “v” shaped or more prolonged recovery.

Mr. Frame said it was too soon to tell but he believed it would depend on the demand this summer; how will operations affect financing. CDA will be studying that over the next few months. He mentioned that the United Airlines flight attendants want to shut down all non-essential flights until masks are provided for all.

Mr. Summers inquired about the falling revenue and how that would affect the \$8 billion renovation at the airport.

Mr. Frame replied that there was a good amount of bond funding in place for the planning and design of essential projects. It is what is considered for 2021 that is important but not critical such as ready to go

projects. Work in 2020 is pretty solid and the CDA will at the future years as the CDA makes the switch from the OMP to terminal projects.

Mr. Frame also said that the North and South Towers at O'Hare had been closed for two weeks while the FAA was reviewing protocol after the shutdown of the tower at Midway due to the COVID-19 virus infection there. The north and south runways were not in use at that time and he will get more information and get back to Jeanette.

O'HARE CONSTRUCTION AWARENESS

Mr. Frame reported that Runway 4R/22L was scheduled for pavement rehabilitation in the south airfield. It would last for four months. To facilitate the construction, the IFQ would stop on May 17. Daytime construction would last for eight weeks and crews would work 24/7 then they would switch to nighttime only in the middle of the summer. CDA would produce a construction awareness brochure to have at the next Technical Committee meeting or the General meeting scheduled for June.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Mr. Summers reported that he is researching awards and incentive programs at other airports to initiate here for airlines that adhere to Fly Quiet protocol.

Mr. Ryan said he is researching ONCC archives when the Technical Committee had a similar award program.

FLY QUIET COMMITTEE

Mr. Annunzio reported that the Fly Quiet Committee voted to look into the possibility of RNAV on certain runways during the Fly Quiet hours if feasible.

Mr. Anderson defined these procedures going forward. Mayor Juracek said if RNAV was feasible.

Mayor Juracek said if RNAV was considered as feasible it could be offered as a second phase.

Mr. Summers said if it had been phrased that way, he would have voted yes instead of no. He was not opposed to the concept.

AD HOC GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Ms. Robles reported that the Governance Committee recommended that the TRACON area be the boundaries for ONCC membership. The committee felt that with the COVID-19 pandemic it would be wise to table school district membership for the time being. The committee also strengthened the attendance language in the bylaws so would be more of an incentive to participate in meetings. There will be one more meeting to finalize the language and they should be ready to hand the edited version to the City attorneys to draft the IGA. The document will go to the full ONCC this summer for approval.

Mayor Juracek recommended that a memo to explain the changes accompany the document. The TRACON area is a significant change.

AD HOC NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Mayor Juracek announced that Mayor Sherwin would chair the Ad Hoc Nominating Committee this year. Committee members include Trustee Kunkel, Hanover Park; Trustee Kaminski, Elmwood Park; Mr. Bialek, Chicago Ward 39; and Mr. Hankey, Hoffman Estates. She said that it was important to get the recommendation to the full commission as soon as possible before the annual meeting in June. There would be no meeting in May and would be deferring the vote on the financials until then with the approval of the Executive Board.

Mr. Ryan wanted to know if we needed to make a motion to pay bills until then.

Ms. Camacho said that Dr. Kuper approved the financials and I copy the accountants.

Mayor Juracek said the Executive Committee could delegate the approval votes under the emergency act. A vote will be needed at the annual meeting.

Ms. Camacho said that is the way the City is taking invoices, to which Dr. Kuper said he is fine with the system, but thought there should be some kind of motion right now for the record. He said he reviews the bills and gives Ms. Camacho permission to sign the checks. There is no other way under the present circumstances of sheltering in place.

Mayor Juracek said the Executive Committee would present all the financials to the full ONCC at the June meeting for an official vote. There will be a meeting one way or another which can easily be on via Zoom.

The next ONCC Meeting will be on June 5, 2020

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Mr. Dan Dwyer wanted to know the depth of the analysis of the RNAV feasibility study. He said there was historical analysis on vector headings but not RNAV. He was concerned about the noise analysis.

Mr. Frank Icuss wanted to know of the 800 daily flight cancellations what the percentage was daytime versus nighttime. He also requested a map of the TRACON area.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mr. Ryan moved; Mr. Summers seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.