



APPROVED MEETING MINUTES MARCH 6, 2009

The meeting of the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC) was held on Friday, March 6, 2009, at Rosewood Banquets in Rosemont, IL.

Commission Chairperson Arlene J. Mulder called the meeting to order at 8:08 A.M. ONCC staff took the meeting minutes.

The following members were **PRESENT**:

Mayor Arlene J. Mulder, Member, Village of Arlington Heights
Assistant Commissioner Aaron Frame, Alternate, City of Chicago
Mayor Anthony Arredia, Member, City of Des Plaines
Alderman Mark Walsten, Alternate, City of Des Plaines
Mr. Gary Salavich, Alternate, Village of Hoffman Estates
Mr. Steve Zehner, Alternate, Village of Itasca
Mr. Gerald Farley, Alternate, Village of Mount Prospect
Mr. Joseph Annunzio, Alternate, Village of Niles
Ms. Judith Dunne Bernardi, Designee, Village of Norridge
Mayor Jeffrey Sherwin, Member, City of Northlake
Mr. Galen Gockel, Alternate, Village of Oak Park
Mr. Dale Rider, Alternate, Village of River Forest
Mayor Kenneth Nelson, Member, City of Rolling Meadows
Ms. June Johnson, Alternate, Village of Schaumburg
Mr. Kevin Barr, Alternate, Village of Schiller Park
Trustee Marco Paz, Alternate, Village of Stone Park
Superintendent Daniel Schweers, Member, School District 59
Mr. Dan Barrie, Alternate, School District 63
Mr. Kerry Leiby, Alternate, School District 80
Mr. John Barry, Alternate, School District 84 and 84 ½
Superintendent Jon Bartelt, Member, School District 85 ½
Superintendent Raymond J. Kuper, Member, School District 86
Superintendent Joseph Palermo, Member, School District 87
Mr. Seymour Schwartz, Alternate, School District 214
Superintendent Robert Lupo, Member, School District 234
Ms. Lynn Crivello, Alternate, Chicago Public Schools
Superintendent Douglas Rudig, Member, School District 401

The following members were **ABSENT**:

Bartlett, Bellwood, Cook County, Elmwood Park, Franklin Park, Harwood Heights, Maywood, Melrose Park, Palatine, Park Ridge, River Grove, Rosemont, School Districts 81, 88, and 89.

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

The following ONCC, FAA and Chicago Department of Aviation staff were present:

Brian Gilligan – O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission; Jeanette Camacho – O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission; Assistant Commissioner Aaron Frame – Chicago Department of

Aviation (DOA); Maria Gutierrez – Chicago Department of Aviation; Amy Hanson – Federal Aviation Administration; Richard Kula – Federal Aviation Administration; and Jeffrey Jackson – Landrum & Brown.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Members and staff said the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – FEBRUARY 6, 2009 MEETING

Mayor Arredia moved and **Ms. Johnson** seconded that the minutes of the February 6, 2008, ONCC meeting be approved. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Welcomes

Mayor Mulder welcomed the following individuals to the ONCC meeting: Mayor Kenneth Nelson – Rolling Meadows; Trustee Michael Latoria – Itasca; Chris Diaferio- Delta Airlines; Bill Hood – American Airlines;

Announcement from Bill Hood, American Airlines

Mr. Hood reminded everyone that at the last ONCC meeting he announced American Airlines would be purchasing a new fleet of aircraft to be based in Chicago. He said that the new aircraft are scheduled to begin phasing in soon and he welcomed ONCC members and alternates to attend the ceremony that will commemorate the changeover.. He said that once a firm date has been set, he will notify the ONCC.

Recognition of Retiring O’Hare Noise Compatibility Commission Members

Mayor Mulder announced that Mayor Claudia “Gigi” Gruber of Itasca, Mayor Margaret Fuller of Harwood Heights, Mayor Anthony Arredia of Des Plaines and Mr. Gerald Farley of Mount Prospect will be retiring from the ONCC.

Mayor Mulder stated that all the individuals who are retiring have contributed to the success of the ONCC. She called on Mayor Arredia and Mr. Farley to accept a token of recognition from the ONCC. She thanked both of them for their service on the ONCC and wished them the best of luck during their retirement. Mayor Gruber and Mayor Fuller were not present at the meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

**A. ONCC Resolution 2009-3: Recommend Slate for ONCC Officers for 2009-
Mayor Arlene J. Mulder for ONCC Chairperson: Dr. Raymond J. Kuper, for
ONCC Vice-Chairperson; and Judith Dunne Bernardi for ONCC Treasurer**

Dr. Daniel Schweers reported on ONCC Resolution 2009-3 in which he presented the following slate for the offices of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Treasurer for 2009:

Mayor Arlene J. Mulder of Village of Arlington Heights for Chairperson
Superintendent Raymond J. Kuper of School District 86 for Vice-Chairperson
Judith Dunne Bernardi of Norridge for Treasurer

Dr. Schweers asked for a motion and a second to approve Resolution 2009-3 and affirm the selection of these officers for 2009.

A motion was made by **Mayor Arredia** to accept the nominations for the ONCC Officers. The motion was seconded by **Mr. Krumstok**. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Dr. Kuper thanked everyone for their participation on the ONCC. He said that it is an honor to be a part of the ONCC and he will continue to work hard to secure funding for the school sound insulation program.

Ms. Bernardi thanked the ONCC for electing her and vowed to do her best as the ONCC Treasurer.

Mayor Mulder thanked all of the ONCC members and alternates for their strong support during her tenure as Chairperson of this Commission. She mentioned that Dr. Kuper has been a great partner and colleague on the ONCC over the past dozen years. She said that the accomplishments of the O'Hare School Program would certainly not be as great without substantial commitment and dedication, along with the contributions of his fellow Superintendents and school officials.

Mayor Mulder also thanked Ms. Bernardi and formally welcomed her to the ONCC's leadership team in her newly elected role of Treasurer. She mentioned that the ONCC will miss Mr. Farley on the ONCC, but we look forward to Ms. Bernardi's insights and involvement over the next year as Treasurer.

Mayor Mulder commended the ONCC leaders, including Mayor Mullins, Commissioner Damato, and Dr. Kuper for their work in advancing our various work plans, which include establishing fair guidelines and aggressively lobbying for continued funding for our sound insulation programs. She recognized and thanked ONCC staff Brian Gilligan and Jeanette Camacho for their hard work over the year, and the Chicago Department of Aviation Environment and Office staff for their ongoing support.

Mayor Mulder especially commended Mayor Richard M. Daley for his vision in establishing this Commission, and for being responsible for giving suburban mayors and other officials the tools and means to have such a direct impact on the quality of life for their residents.

In conclusion, she said that it has been her privilege to have served as Chairperson for the past ten years.

B. Presentation of 2008 ONCC Annual Report – Initiatives and Accomplishments

Mayor Mulder presented the ONCC's 2008 Annual Report. The concise report is a reflection of the momentum we generated through our accomplishments, initiatives and celebrations. It was a big year for aviation with the commissioning of three runways across the country on November 20, 2008. The new runways, including O'Hare's 9Left-27Right, impacted airlines, travelers, and in many cases new populations who had never felt the impact of aircraft noise in their neighborhood.

In 2008, the ONCC welcomed Mayor Daley in the "spirit of cooperation and progress" as we celebrated years of moving forward on aircraft noise reduction and the success of our first ever aircraft noise symposium, "Breaking Sound Barriers." The two events were huge undertakings and Mayor Mulder appreciated the organization, energy and hard work of Brian Gilligan and Jeanette Camacho for the success of these events.

Mayor Mulder thanked Delta Airlines, United, American Airlines, Landrum & Brown and the FAA through PARTNER for their continued support and generosity with these efforts.

Great strides were made last year in residential and school sound insulation. Because of an \$18 million FAA grant, multi-owner dwellings will receive the same sound insulation we were able to provide single-family residences. With \$3.8 million in funding from the FAA and city of Chicago, Washington School in Park Ridge and Hitch School in Chicago begin the sound insulation process this summer. The ONCC Technical Committee met with pilots and air traffic controllers throughout the year to refine Fly Quiet reports and press for quieter aircraft and adherence to nighttime flight tracks.

During 2008, the ONCC welcomed new member Itasca, applauded Arlington Heights' new sound and energy ordinance, and congratulated Harwood Heights' FAA land use grant. Mayor Mulder said that it was an energy-filled year and we could not have done it without the cooperation of all our members and staff. She encouraged everyone to keep the momentum going to accomplish our mission of aircraft noise reduction where and when-ever possible.

Copies of the Annual Report will be mailed to members, municipalities, state and federal agencies and school boards. There will be additional copies at the ONCC office and people may also download a copy the ONCC website at www.oharenoise.org.

Action Items

A. O'Hare Residential Sound Insulation Program: ONCC Resolution 2009-2 – 2009 O'Hare Residential Sound Insulation Program

Mr. Gilligan reported on ONCC Resolution 2009-2. He said that the Resolution references the O'Hare Residential Program year for 2009. The ONCC Residential Sound Insulation Committee reviewed and approved the resolution in November 2008.

Mr. Frame reported that the 2009 is going to be a good year. He said that staff will be going out to bid on the 2008 Program, and will then go out to bid for the 2009 Program within the next three months.

A motion was made by **Ms. Bernardi** to accept ONCC Resolution 2009-2. The motion was seconded by **Dr. Kuper**.

Affected Area Roll Call Vote

Arlington Heights – Yes	City of Chicago - Yes
Cook County - Absent	Des Plaines - Yes
Franklin Park - Absent	Harwood Heights - Absent
Itasca - Yes	Mount Prospect - Yes
Norridge - Yes	Northlake - Yes
Park Ridge - Absent	Rosemont - Absent
Schiller Park - Yes	Wood Dale - Yes
School District 59 - Yes	School District 63 - Yes
School District 80 – Yes	School District 81 - Absent
School District 84 – Yes	School District 84 ½ - Yes
School District 85 ½ - Yes	School District 86 - Yes
School District 87 – Yes	School District 88 - Absent
School District 89 – Absent	School District 214 - Yes
School District 234 – Yes	School District 299 - Yes
School District 401- Yes	

REPORT OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION – COMMISSIONER ROSEMARIE ANDOLINO

A. January 2008 Noise Reports

Mr. Jeffrey Jackson summarized the January 2009 O'Hare Airport Noise Management System (ANMS) Report. Runway 32L showed departures at 47%; for arrivals, the most-used runway was Runway 28, with a total of 32% arrivals. Nighttime departures on Runway 32L totaled 50; arrivals on Runway 28 were 57. The average daily operations for January 2009 totaled 1,981.

Complaint calls for January 2009 totaled 860 calls from 198 callers.

Mr. Frame reported that permanent monitor site 33 in Park Ridge is currently collecting data.

Mr. Jackson pointed out that the report reflects some changes to the maps at the request of the ONCC Technical Committee.

Mayor Mulder asked for a more detailed explanation of nighttime use on Runway 32L which is

over residential areas. She mentioned that she has received complaints regarding nighttime aircraft noise.

Mr. Jackson replied that the winds in January were out of the northwest-to-west. Arrivals were on the three parallel runways and, when the totals are combined, there were 83% of arrivals because of the winds.

Mayor Mulder asked if pilots are using T-10 and if there was a way to prohibit the use of it.

Mr. Jackson replied that staff is not clear on how many flights actually flew out of T-10 or who actually used the full runway. That data is not available and putting on any restrictions would require involving the FAA.

B. Improvements to City of Chicago 311 Center for Handling of O'Hare Noise Complaints

Mr. Frame reported that staff has been working with the City of Chicago's 311 Center in improving the handling of noise complaint calls. He said that soon there will be an option for residents to post complaints on-line.

Mr. Frame also announced that the City of Chicago has received an \$18 million dollar grant thanks to the FAA. Since the inception of the OMP, this is the 5th grant received. The grants received total \$62 million to assist the City of Chicago with the sound insulation of all the homes that qualify.

Mayor Mulder asked if the money was from the federal stimulus package.

Mr. Frame replied that is not stimulus money, it is AIP funds.

Mayor Arredia asked if the grant money was more than was anticipated.

Mr. Frame replied that the City of Chicago has to compete with all other airports around the country and O'Hare is very fortunate to receive AIP funds.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON – ARLENE J. MULDER, MAYOR OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

A. Pilots Meeting – February 18, 2009

Mayor Mulder reported that on February 18, 2009, the ONCC Fly Quiet Committee hosted a meeting for members to meet with chief pilots from United, Delta and American Airlines. They came

to the table to discuss runway usage and landing procedures at O'Hare—especially 9Left-27Right. The attendees sought realistic answers and insights to aircraft noise issues and perceptions. They really appreciated the time, candor and easy-to-understand classroom techniques on how to land an airplane that the pilots gave. It is no secret that the economy is now “piloting” take offs and landings at all airports. In attempt to reduce fuel consumption, pilots maintain a strict 3% glide path and use a “continuous flight” approach. They wait for the last possible moment before dropping landing gear and flaps and power down. The result is a reduction in noise. The pilots did agree that parallel runways are safe, but they are not too fond of the new north runway because of the distance to the gate. They want to land on the “longest runway closest to the gate.” They asked that the ONCC be patient. They are confident that when the OMP buildout is complete, “sharing” runway usage may be more effective for reducing aircraft noise in impacted areas.

Staff is in the process of scheduling another meeting with pilots and air traffic controllers to continue our dialogue of quieter methods and optimal conditions. We will continue to formulate reasonable questions, and Mayor Mulder asked for input and suggestions.

B. FAA Response to Tracking Nighttime Usage on Runway 9Left/27 Right

Mayor Mulder reported that the FAA has agreed to document all nighttime flights that occur on Runway 9Left-27Right after 10 p.m. FAA Regional Administrator Barry Cooper assured the ONCC that his department will provide us this information on a monthly basis within the first 10 days of each month for previous month occurrences. He also shared that, although there were just three nights in December that the runway was used after 10 pm, the FAA would prefer not to use the runway past its designated hours for economic reasons.

Administrator Cooper promised that the FAA will continue to meet with ONCC and community officials to discuss EIS evaluations and what is occurring. She said that she appreciates his quick efforts to keep communication channels open and thanked him for his efforts.

Although the ONCC has not heard from Acting Transportation Director Lynne Osmus regarding the ONCC's request to reevaluate the metrics for the national DNL standards, Mayor Mulder indicated she is confident an answer will be forthcoming and we look forward to working with our leaders in Washington, DC on this important matter.

C. Partner Advisory Board Meeting – February 26-27, 2009

Mayor Mulder said that she was not able to attend the FAA PARTNER Advisory Board meeting but Mr. Joseph Annunzio did attend on behalf of the ONCC.

Mr. Annunzio explained that PARTNER conducts studies on noise and air pollution. Universities participating in the studies include: Purdue University, Penn State, MIT and Harvard. The importance of studies is that they will be bought back to the scientific community for their input. Among the projects that are being discussed are the health affects of noise. Projects such as these are important because if there is ever going to be something done to change the noise metrics

these are the kinds of studies that will be required.

Mr. Annunzio said that LAX is doing their own study with the communities around LAX and the Airport. This is the first study of its kind to research both measured noise and the air pollution around the surrounding communities. For the first time an airport is going to attempt to do a study and scientist are saying that it might not even be useful because of the different ways pollution travels.

Mr. Annunzio said that the ONCC will monitor the PARTNER Advisory Board program and see that it remains funded.

Mayor Arredia asked Mr. Annunzio if he was aware of House Bill 322 which will initiate a study on sound and air pollution surrounding all airports in Illinois.

Mr. Annunzio replied that he is familiar with the Bill and commented that the money that would be spent on that particular study could be spent elsewhere. Studies such as this one have been done before and have not passed scientific measures.

Mayor Arredia mentioned that the Bill has been tabled at the committee level but it will be reintroduced. He said that he was going to mention the PARTNER Advisory Board to the appropriate people supporting House Bill 322.

Mayor Arredia suggested distributing the ONCC meeting minutes to local elected officials. He said that they are under pressure from their local districts and might not be aware of other studies or efforts being done regarding noise and the environment.

Alderman Walsten asked if the studies being done are broad-based for all airports around the country.

Mr. Annunzio pointed out that the studies being done can be used all over the country and are broad in nature.

Technical Committee Report – Mr. Gerald Farley for Chairperson Mayor Rita Mullins, Village of Palatine

Mr. Farley reported that the Technical Committee met on February 24, 2009 in Mount Prospect. At this meeting, Jeffrey Jackson of Landrum & Brown presented a report which outlined the number of aircraft noise events above 65 decibels. A copy of the report was provided in the meeting packets and was displayed. Chicago Department of Aviation staff will provide this report on a semi-annual basis. It provides additional and useful amplification and clarification of the information usually found in the monthly noise reports. The Committee also received an interesting presentation from Richard Kula of the FAA's Chicago Airports District Office showing the various runway configurations that are in place now that the new Northern Runway 9 Left/27 Right and the

10/28 Runway extension have come online. A copy of Mr. Kula's presentation was also included in the meeting packets.

Chicago Department of Aviation staff reviewed the 4th Quarter 2008 O'Hare Fly Quiet Report. One of the positive highlights of the Report was the continued high usage of the Ground Runup Enclosure, which was recorded at over 80% for the Quarter.

The next ONCC Technical Committee meeting will be held on April 28, 2009 at the Mount Prospect Village Hall. The committee will hear from Daniel Gadow who is the Cargo Manager for Air France.

Residential Sound insulation Committee Report –Vice-Chairperson Ms. Judith Dunne Bernardi for Chairperson Frank A. Damato, Cook County

Ms. Bernardi reported that the 2006 Group B Homes and 2007 Program Year Homes currently have 767 homes enrolled. Construction is progressing in all the communities and is now 75% complete. Construction completion date is estimated for mid-June.

For the 2008 Program Year, homeowner briefings were held in Chicago, Park Ridge and Schiller Park for multi-family buildings. Briefings for Bensenville and for condominium buildings in Schiller Park are scheduled for March. A total of 625 dwelling units have been enrolled to date and home inventories are complete on 81% of the units. A homeowner briefing was held for the Park Ridge single-family alternate addresses. Of the Park Ridge homes that were invited to the briefing, only 58% attended and enrolled in the program. Since there were so many people who did not attend, follow-up letters had to be mailed rather than hand delivered. Alternates not entered into the 2008 contracts will be put into the 2009 contracts. The 2008 construction contracts will be advertised for bid this month.

The next Residential Committee meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 15, 2009, at the Norridge Village Hall at 9:30 A.M.

School Sound Insulation Committee Report – Chairperson Raymond J. Kuper, Superintendent, School District 86

Dr. Kuper congratulated Dr. Robert Lupo of School District 234 on his election as Vice-Chairperson of the School Committee. He extended best wishes to Dr. Susan Knight of School District 80 who previously served as Vice-Chair, and who will be retiring as District Superintendent at the end of the school year.

Dr. Kuper reported that a number of areas and issues were discussed at the last meeting of School Sound Insulation Committee, which was held on Wednesday, February 25, 2009, at School District 59. Another meeting will be scheduled before the end of the school year.

The Chicago Department of Aviation has been tasked with creating a report to update members and address the following questions: The list of schools that have been funded and

amount of funding; those schools approved to receive funding and when they actually received the funding; the schools that are on waiting list for design grants ; and if there is priority or rank order and what it is based on and how it is administered.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – MR. BRIAN GILLIGAN

A. February 2009 Financial Statements

Mr. Gilligan reported on the expenses for February 2009 which totaled \$24,779.60.

A motion was made by **Mr. Farley** to approve the February 2009 expenses and was seconded by **Ms. Bernardi**. The motion passed by roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote – February 2009 Expenses

Arlington Heights – Yes	Rolling Meadows – Yes
Bartlett – Absent	Rosemont – Absent
Bellwood – Absent	Schaumburg – Yes
Chicago – Yes	Schiller Park -Yes
Cook County – Absent	Stone Park – Yes
Des Plaines – Yes	Wood Dale - Yes
Elmwood Park – Absent	District 59 – Yes
Franklin Park – Absent	District 63 – Yes
Harwood Heights - Absent	District 80 – Yes
Hoffman Estates – Yes	District 81 – Absent
Itasca - Yes	District 84 – Yes
Maywood –Absent	District 84.5 - Yes
Melrose Park - Absent	District 85.5 – Yes
Mount Prospect – Yes	District 86 – Yes
Niles – Yes	District 87 –Yes
Norridge – Yes	District 88 – Absent
Northlake – Yes	District 89 – Absent
Oak Park – Yes	District 214 – Yes
Palatine – Absent	District 234 – Yes
Park Ridge – Absent	District 299 – Yes
River Forest –Absent	District 401 – Yes
River Grove – Absent	

B. “Noise 101” Program – April 17, 2009

Mr. Gilligan mentioned that a session entitled “Noise 101” will be held on April 17, 2009. This session will give new members and alternates the opportunity to get more familiar with noise issues and initiatives.

C. ONCC Member Information/Data Requests

Mr. Gilligan mentioned that a handout detailing ONCC Member Information/Data Requests was located in the meeting packets.

D. FY2010 NASA Budget

Mr. Gilligan provided a handout which details NASA plans for its FY2010 budget year.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE/MEMBERS

Ms. Christine Kutt, a resident of Park Ridge, read a statement which she had presented before members of the State Senate and Environmental Health Committee asking them to consider funding for an environmental study at O'Hare International Airport. She also asked that ONCC members become familiar with the Bill in order to support the effort. The following statement was read by Ms. Kutt:

"Good afternoon to representatives from across this great State and members of the Environmental Health Committee. I thank you for this opportunity to speak to you regarding the negative impact of air pollution, noise pollution and emission of gases and fluids from aircraft that are impacting the communities surrounding our airports. My name is Christine Kutt. I have lived my entire life in Illinois, Cook County, Chicago, Arlington Heights, and Park Ridge. I am currently speaking on behalf of a grass roots organization – ORD-REST, O'Hare Residents for Environmental Safety and Trust. Hundreds of residents from communities around O'Hare have banded together, in ORD-REST, to understand how the O'Hare Modernization Program will affect our lives now and in years to come.

Since the opening of Runway 9L/27R on November 20th, 2008, the environmental effects of air traffic have become top of mind for hundreds of thousands of citizens who are more than just concerned – we are frightened - by the environmental impact that OMP has had and will have in the future. As a spokesperson for these citizens I am here to persuade you to move H.B. 0322 through committee and onto the floor of the General Assembly in urgent fashion. I would like to use the word – DEMAND. The citizens of your state DEMAND that our government move immediately to understand our regional environment – so you as our public servants can do your job to protect us.

We are threatened. Our health is threatened and our natural environment is threatened. Scores of communities near airports – O'Hare AND Midway – and the hundreds of thousands of residents living in these towns, villages and cities – UNDER THE ROAR - need to understand the true facts involving air, noise and water quality that are attacking our health.

Certainly your thoughts must be drifting to the Environmental Impact Study prepared by the FAA in advance of the approval of the OMP. The EIS is a huge report. It is a 20,000 plus page document that resides on 37 discs. The cure for cancer could be present in this report and we would be unable to uncover it.

More than any potentially positive information that may be hidden in these 20,000 pages, the report has already proven itself to be flawed. At the meeting of the Technical Committee of the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission this past Tuesday, February 24th, the City of Chicago and the Department of Aviation reported significant discrepancies contrary to predicted noise

levels and placement of the O'Hare noise contour as outlined in the EIS. The levels modeled and predicted by the EIS are already being blown out of the water as noise levels are exceeding an AVERAGE of 85 db on HUNDREDS and hundreds of flights DAILY. The current data completely invalidate the modeling used by the FAA in preparing the EIS.

Our group of educated, professional people has collected scores of reports from around the country and we have been lead to understand the important nature of the impact of the environment being imposed on citizens everywhere who are living near expanding airports. Most residents living near airports in the state of Illinois have learned to live with the noise. But in a culture where protecting the environment and Americans are encouraged to proactively lead healthier lives, airport growth and the pollution created by this growth seems out of sync with the demands of the citizens.

The next environmental study is not scheduled until after the OMP is completed – in 2014 or at some point in the distant future. The impact of the new runways, north, south and center – is already our reality – every day. Day after day. Hundreds and hundreds of times each day.

Points of interest to the adults and children I speak on behalf of include:

In Park Ridge ALONE, current flight paths cross directly over five elementary schools and are pointed at a top-ranked high school hundreds and hundreds of times daily. From a report conducted by the Seattle Tacoma Regional Coalition on Airport Affairs it was proven that, and I quote: "Standardized test scores in the Highline school district had fallen from among the highest in the state to the third from the bottom."

We need to know:

"How does the on-going noise and air pollution affect the learning ability of children in any school near an airport in the State of Illinois? Jet aircraft emit carbon dioxide which can last in the atmosphere up to 100 years.

At top-ranked Maine South High School in Park Ridge, aircraft are flying above the athletic fields at roughly 1,000 feet.

We need to know:

How will the students on these fields be affected by this noise and air pollution? How will this decline in our children's potential affect them and the community where they live?

We breathe 1,000 times per hour:

According to NASA, nitrogen oxide and carbon dioxide have the most significant impact on the environment when present in the combustion of aircraft fuel. Carbon dioxide impacts global air quality by contributing to ozone loss.

We need to know: How much nitrogen oxide and carbon dioxide are released when aircraft are descending or taking off? At what levels do these chemicals dissipate into the air? What residual effects do these chemical have on people in the path of these pollutants?

I'd like to quote a citizen who attended a recent meeting of the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission:

"It's like getting jolted with electricity 300 times a day."

Again, from the RCAA study at Seattle Tacoma, it has been proven that "airport communities have higher rates of alcoholism and admission to psychiatric hospitals. Excessive noise has been associated with development of hypertension, high cholesterol and high blood sugar – and puts them in greater risk of heart disease. Airport noise causes difficulty in sleeping leading to lethargy, impaired reaction time, fatigue, decreased efficiency and a desire to be left alone. People do NOT adjust to airport noise. Even five years after exposure, physical responses such as high blood pressure and stress levels continue. "And the list goes on...

We need to know:

What are the effects of Illinois airports on our health?

How will ill health affect the insurability of our citizens?

As far as the environment is concerned, we must remember that northeast Illinois sits on roughly 1/5th of the world's fresh water supply.

Let's take a moment to allow that to sink in: 20% of the entire world's fresh water supply. I don't have time to touch on the numbers of species of flora and fauna that are also affected by these pollutants. We'll just leave you to contemplate our responsibility to human beings.

We need to know:

What effect do airport pollutants have on the entire world?

What responsibility do we as citizens of the State of Illinois have to protect the fresh water supply for our residents, neighbors, and fellow human beings?

To these facts and questions we must implore you to move this bill through to allow us to gain the answers to important health and environmental questions. It would be unconscionable to choose NOT to take this crucial step now, as these pollutants compromise the fundamental rights as Americans to pursue our lives, our liberty and happiness. Representative Mulligan, I thank you for your introduction of this bill to this esteemed committee, your noble effort to protect your constituents and for the opportunity to present these thoughts to all of you today. I thank you in advance for your support."

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Nelson moved and **Mr. Farley** seconded that the meeting adjourn. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 10:16 A.M.