



APPROVED MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 6, 2009

The meeting of the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC) was held on Friday, February 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
Commissioner Richard L. Rodriguez, Member, City of Chicago
Mr. Frank Damato, Designee, Cook County
Mayor Anthony Arredia, Member, City of Des Plaines
Alderman Mark Walsten, Alternate, City of Des Plaines
Mayor Margaret Fuller, Member, Village of Harwood Heights
Mr. Gary Salavich, Alternate, Village of Hoffman Estates
Mayor Irvana Wilks, Member, Village of Mount Prospect
Acting Mayor Robert Callero, Member, Village of Niles
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
Mayor Rita Mullins, Member, Village of Palatine
Mayor Howard Frimark, Member, City of Park Ridge
Alderman Donald Bach, Alternate, City of Park Ridge
Mr. Barry Krumstok, Alternate, 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
Mayor Kenneth Johnson, Member, City of Wood Dale
Dr. Daniel Schweers, Member, School District 59
Dr. Kathleen Williams, Member, School District 63
Mr. Kerry Leiby, Alternate, School District 80
Dr. Roberta Taylor, Member, School District 81
Mr. John Barry, Alternate, School District 84 and 84 ½
Ms. Debra Parenti, Alternate, School District 214
Dr. Robert Lupo, Member, School District 234
Ms. Lynn Crivello, Alternate, Chicago Public Schools

The following members were **ABSENT**:

Bartlett, Bellwood, Elmwood Park, Franklin Park, Itasca, Maywood, Melrose Park, River Forest, River Grove, Rosemont, School Districts 85 ½, 86, 87, 88, 89, and 401.

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.

MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS HELD FOR ITASCA TRUSTEE RON PUTZELL

Mayor Mulder asked for a moment of silence for Itasca Trustee Ronald Putzell, who recently passed away.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – DECEMBER 5, 2008, MEETING

Mayor Arredia moved and **Ms. Johnson** seconded that the minutes of the December 5, 2008, ONCC meeting be approved. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

WELCOMES

Mayor Mulder welcomed the following individuals to the ONCC meeting: State Representative Mark Walker; State Senator Dan Kotowski; Acting Mayor Robert Callero, Village of Niles; Ann Limjoco, Suburban Director, Illinois Congresswoman Jan Schakosky’s office; Ms. Lynn Crivello, Chicago Public Schools; and Mr. Gary Salavitch, Village of Hoffman Estates.

Action Items

A. Proposed Slate of 2009 ONCC Officers – Report of ONCC Ad Hoc Nominating Committee

Mr. Brian Gilligan gave the ONCC Ad Hoc Nominating Report on behalf of Mayor Claudia “Gigi” Gruber of Itasca. He said that members of the Ad Hoc Nominating Committee met via teleconference on Monday, February 2, 2009, to discuss and recommend a slate of officers for the coming year. The Committee was led by Mayor Claudia “Gigi” Gruber and included Trustee Mark Dobryzcki of Harwood Heights; Dr. Daniel Schweers of School District 59; and Mr. Daniel Barrie of School District 63. As a result of the meeting, the Committee recommended the following slate for the Commission offices of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Treasurer:

Mayor Arlene Mulder of Village of Arlington Heights for Chairperson
Superintendent Raymond Kuper of School District 86 for Vice-Chairperson

Norridge Village Clerk Judith Dunne Bernardi for Treasurer

A motion was made by **Mayor Arredia** to accept the nominations for the ONCC Chairs. The motion was seconded by **Mr. Krumstok**.

Mr. Gilligan requested that the Chair open the floor for nominations to the office of Commission Treasurer.

No nominations were made.

Mayor Mulder announced that the nominations were now closed. Officers will be elected at the Commission's Annual Meeting on Friday, March 6, 2009. An official Resolution will be offered to members for approval at that meeting for the offices of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Treasurer.

B. O'Hare Residential Sound Insulation Program: ONCC Resolution 2009-1 Multi-Owner Building Policy

Mayor Mulder reminded everyone that, as part of the ONCC's responsibilities under the Record of Decision (ROD) for the O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP), the ONCC has previously made several policy decisions regarding the O'Hare Residential Sound Insulation Program and how homes which will be impacted by the OMP will be sound-insulated.

She mentioned that accompanying the resolution is a policy for sound insulating multi-owner buildings managed by governing boards or management companies. She also said that only the ONCC's Affected Communities and School Districts will be voting on this Resolution today.

She called on Mr. Aaron Frame and to discuss the background for Commission Resolution 2009-1.

Mr. Frame gave a brief summary of the ONCC Resolution 2009-1 which details the Multi-Owner Building Policy.

A motion was made by **Mayor Wilks** to approve ONCC Resolution 2009-1. The motion was seconded by **Mr. Damato**.

Affected Area Roll Call Vote

Arlington Heights – Yes
Cook County - Yes
Franklin Park - Absent
Itasca - Absent
Norridge - Yes
Park Ridge - Yes
Schiller Park - Yes
School District 59 - Yes
School District 80 – Yes
School District 84 – Yes
School District 85 ½ - Absent
School District 87 – Absent
School District 89 – Absent
School District 234 – Yes
School District 401- Absent

City of Chicago - Yes
Des Plaines - Yes
Harwood Heights - Yes
Mount Prospect - Yes
Northlake - Yes
Rosemont - Absent
Wood Dale - Yes
School District 63 - Yes
School District 81 - Yes
School District 84 ½ - Yes
School District 86 - Absent
School District 88 - Absent
School District 214 - Yes
School District 299 - Yes

Statement from Mayor Arlene J. Mulder – ONCC Chairperson

Mayor Mulder stated that at the December 5, 2008 ONCC meeting, she promised that the ONCC would pursue all avenues to help our members in their search for aircraft noise relief. Before that meeting, the ONCC began a letter writing campaign to Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky and Senator Dick Durbin. The ONCC urged them to support the FAA Reauthorization in order to release much-needed funds to continue sound insulation at our impacted schools.

She also met with DOA Commissioner Richard Rodriguez and FAA Commissioner Barry Cooper to expedite the November and December Aircraft Noise Management System Reports so that the ONCC could analyze data and chart a course of action. She said that they responded quickly and she thanked them for their promptness.

Mayor Mulder mentioned that the City of Park Ridge invited ONCC officials to a Town Hall meeting on December 18, 2008, to answer questions about new Runway 9Left/27Right. When reliable information was available, the questions were answered for residents. When appropriate, questions were deferred to the Chicago Department of Aviation and the FAA and they promised to get answers for other questions we could not answer immediately.

Mayor Mulder indicated that the ONCC has taken bold and necessary steps to help relieve those affected by aircraft noise and to ensure that Park Ridge residents receive the necessary data from a permanent aircraft noise monitor that was not in service. First, a letter was sent to Lynne A. Osmus, Acting Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, requesting a meeting to begin dialogue regarding current noise metrics. She said that the time is right to review new innovative technological advancements and research studies, which use additional metrics to evaluate aircraft noise. According to the December noise reports, average DNL numbers are coming down overall ; however, the ONCC knows that (1) new populations are experiencing aircraft noise and (2) in the future, more communities will be affected as the OMP pursues its final build-out.

A second letter was mailed to FAA Regional Director Barry Cooper requesting that nighttime flights after 10:00 P.M. be documented and the reports be sent to the ONCC for review. The ONCC is requesting that the FAA adhere to this nighttime usage, which incorporates a four-percent number for nighttime flights.

Mayor Mulder thanked the Chicago Department of Aviation and Landrum & Brown: the much-anticipated Airport Noise Management System reports were released, as promised, on January 23, 2009, and immediately posted on the ONCC website.

The December noise report shows that air traffic controllers are staying within the Fly Quiet four-percent variance. Nighttime complaint calls were up in December for Park Ridge. She expressed hope the letter to the FAA will remedy that situation.

Mayor Mulder reported that a meeting will be scheduled in early February with the chief pilots of United, American Airlines, and Delta to learn the airlines' perspective and gain insight about their priorities as to using the new runway.

Mayor Mulder thanked Park Ridge Mayor Howard Frimark and Harwood Heights Trustee Mark Dobrzycki for their persistence in requesting improvements to the O'Hare Noise Complaint Hotline. Residents will have another option for registering aircraft noise complaints on the Internet via the ONCC website link to the O'Hare Noise 311 Hotline.

She also thanked Mayor Frimark and ComEd contacts for tracking down reasons for the delay in activating power to the new Park Ridge permanent noise monitor. The permanent monitor, as of February 1, 2009, is measuring aircraft noise along with the existing portable monitor to get accurate readings for future reports.

Mayor Mulder stated that the ONCC will report progress with these various initiatives through our website, oharenoise.org, and by working with the Department of Aviation and the city of Park Ridge task force on aircraft noise.

REPORT OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION – COMMISSIONER RICHARD L. RODRIGUEZ

A. December 2008 Noise Reports

Mr. Jeffrey Jackson summarized the December 2008 O'Hare Airport Noise Management System (ANMS) Report. Runway 32L showed 390 departures for all hours in December 2008; for arrivals, the most-used runway was Runway 27L, with a total of 278 arrivals. Nighttime departures on Runway 28 totaled 48; arrivals on Runway 28 were 48. The average daily operations for December 2008 totaled 1,967.

Complaint calls for December 2008 totaled 1,184 calls from 418 callers. Of those, nighttime complaints for the month of December 2008 totaled 424 calls from 196 callers.

Alderman Walsten asked about the portable monitor that he has requested in the past.

Mr. Frame replied that Des Plaines is 3rd on the list for a portable monitor. They will deploy a portable monitor within the next few months.

Mayor Arredia requested that staff contact him prior to placing the portable noise monitor in Des Plaines. Mayor Arredia noted that residents are complaining about aircraft banking which brings noise over homes.

Alderman Bach asked who funds the purchasing of the noise monitors.

Commissioner Rodriguez replied that the City of Chicago funds the monitors and that he will look into what the budget can allow for more monitors.

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

Commissioner Rodriguez mentioned that one of the key areas that the City of Chicago has focused on since the new Northern Runway came online on November 20, 2008, has been to improve the customer service to callers using the O'Hare Noise Complaint Hotline. As a result of some difficulties that residents experienced a few weeks ago as a result of heavy call volume, they have started to look at viable options to improve the level of service to people when they want to file a noise complaint.

Mr. Aaron Frame of the Department of Aviation outlined changes to the noise complaint process which will enhance service to residents calling the hotline. He mentioned that staff is working on a user-friendly on-line form. Residents who do not wish to call the 1-800 number will be able to go online and fill out the form which staff will receive and include on the monthly noise reports.

C. Upgrades to Airport Noise Management System (ANMS)

Ms. Gutierrez reported that the Skytak program will allow monitors to capture more data. Staff will be updating land-use agreements, recycling equipment and performing acceptance testing of the noise monitors.

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

A. American Airlines Migration to Quieter Aircraft at O'Hare International Airport – Mr. William Hood, American Airlines

Mayor Mulder called on Bill Hood of American Airlines to give an update on the plans for American's phase-outs of its MD-80 aircraft fleet.

Mr. Hood reported that American Airlines will order another 6 Boeing 737-800 aircraft in 2010, bringing the total of 737-800s to be delivered to American in 2009-2010 to 76 aircraft. In addition, American Airlines will accelerate the replacement of its MD-80 aircraft by taking delivery of 6 additional 737-800s in 2012. American Airlines has now committed to take delivery of 36 737 aircraft in 2009 and 40 in 2010. Beyond this, American still has firm commitments that were made previously for 11 737s in 2013. American continues to evaluate opportunities to accelerate MD-80 replacement with additional 737s.

Technical Committee Report – Chairperson Mayor Rita Mullins, Village of Palatine

Mayor Mullins reported that the ONCC Technical Committee last met on January 27, 2009. The Committee reviewed data contained in the December 2008 ANMS Report. Chicago Department of Aviation staff also presented data for the long-term portable locations in Niles, Itasca and Schiller Park. She called on Mr. Frame to report on the results of the three long-term portable monitors.

Mr. Frame presented data for long-term portable monitoring sites A, B & C in Niles, Itasca and Schiller Park, respectively. During the month of December 2008, Site A in Schiller Park showed a decibel level of 58.3, Site B in Niles was at 53.1, and Site C in Schiller Park was 57.3 decibels. He said that staff will continue to monitor the three sites and report to the ONCC.

Mayor Mullins mentioned that the Committee also reviewed the 3rd Quarter 2008 O'Hare Fly Quiet Report. A meeting to discuss revisions to the report was held in January and staff is working on presenting the revised report in the near future.

The next ONCC Technical Committee meeting will be held on February 24, 2009 at the Mount Prospect Village Hall.

Residential Sound insulation Committee Report – Chairperson Frank A. Damato, Cook County

Mr. Damato reported that, of the 2006 Group B homes, there are currently 628 homes enrolled. The contracts have been awarded to Classic Gutter Company and Sound Solutions Windows and Doors. Construction in Chicago and Cook County is 80% complete. Construction has begun in all of the other communities. The severe weather in January only delayed one of the contractors for 2 days that were made up on the subsequent weekend.

The 2007 Program year currently has 141 homes from past program areas which are now enrolled in the program. These homes will be sound insulated along with the 2006 Group B homes.

The 2008 Program year has had homeowner briefings for Chicago, Park Ridge and Schiller Park multi-family buildings. Four hundred ninety-one dwelling units have been enrolled to date and home inventories are complete on 57% of the units. Briefings for the remaining communities will be held in February.

The Initial Multi-Unit Owner Letter is being sent to the condominium buildings in Schiller Park and Bensenville prior to scheduling the homeowner briefings so the owners can identify their Owners'

Representative.

A homeowner's briefing has been scheduled for later this month for the Park Ridge single-family alternate addresses. The alternates will be put in the 2008 construction contracts if there are not 1,000 multi-family units enrolled and inventoried at the time the contracts are awarded. Alternates not entered into the 2008 contracts will be put into the 2009 contracts. The 2008 construction contracts will be advertised this month.

The next Residential Committee meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 18, 2009, at the Norridge Village Hall at 9:30 A.M.

School Sound Insulation Committee Report – Dr. Robert Lupo, Superintendent, School District 234 for Chairperson Raymond J. Kuper, Superintendent, School District 86

Dr. Lupo reported that, as announced at the November 7, 2008 ONCC Commission meeting, design and construction funding was committed for George Washington Elementary School in Park Ridge. Mr. Frame gave a brief update on the progress of Washington Elementary in Park Ridge.

Mr. Frame reported that Washington Elementary School has met the criteria for sound insulation and he met with officials from the school to discuss the procedures for sound abatement.

The next School Sound Insulation Committee meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, February 25, 2009, at 10:00 A.M. at School District 59 in Arlington Heights.

Mr. Krumstok asked that staff continue to send letters to federal officials to remind them of the status of funding for Ridgewood High School.

Mayor Mulder noted that members have not forgotten the issue and continue to advocate for Ridgewood High School.

Ms. Parenti mentioned that, in light of the information that schools have received regarding the stimulus package and some construction funding, she would like to know from anyone with the FAA or other government agency who can give additional information about possible funding for school sound insulation programs.

Mayor Mulder asked that Ann Limjoco of Congresswoman Schakowsky's office to look into the issue.

REVIEW OF ONCC CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Mulder reviewed correspondence received and mailed during the last month, including the following:

- A. Letter from FAA Great Lakes Administrator Barry D. Cooper to Illinois Congresswoman Janice D. Schakowsky Regarding Runway 9 Left/27 Right
- B. Letter from James Bowman, Managing Director, FedEx Flight Operations, to Brian Gilligan, ONCC Executive Director, Regarding Receipt of O'Hare Fly Quiet Award at December 5, 2008 ONCC Meeting

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – MR. BRIAN GILLIGAN

A. December 2008/January 2009 Financial Statements

Mr. Gilligan reported on the **December 2008 expenses, which totaled \$23,981.10, and the expenses for January 2009 which totaled \$24,779.60.**

A motion was made by **Mr. Krumstok** to approve the December 2008 and January 2009 expenses and was seconded by **Mr. Damato**. The motion passed by roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote – December 2008 & January 2009 Expenses

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

B. Winter 2009 “O’Hare Monitor” Newsletter

Mr. Gilligan noted that copies of the Winter 2009 “O’Hare Monitor” Newsletters were located in meeting packets. He mentioned that Harwood Heights Mayor Margaret Fuller was featured in this issue.

C. “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.

D. ONCC Member Information/Data Requests

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

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE/MEMBERS

Senator Dan Kotowski asked that more information be given about the environmental issues surrounding O'Hare Airport.

Commissioner Rodriguez replied that the Environmental Impact Statement was complete for the O'Hare Modernization Program and was published for several years ago.

Senator Kotowski wanted to more information about the impact on the environment surrounding O'Hare Airport since the new north runway opened, in specific with the new monitors being able to caption more information on EMU's.

Mr. Frame replied that three new noise monitors were deployed, with two of them being in Wood Dale and the other in Park Ridge. Data at those sites have been collected for over a year now. He said that he will continue to report the data from those particular monitors.

Senator Kotowski also asked for frequency of flights per hour on the new north runway.

Mr. Frame replied that that information is not normally reported on the monthly ANMS report but that he will look into creating a special report that he may share with his constituents.

Senator Kotowski thanked the ONCC for allowing him to state his questions.

Mayor Frimark thanked Alderman Carrie, Alderman Ryan, and Alderman Bach whose wards are being impacted by the opening of the new north runway. He stated that he would like to speak on behalf of his residents in Park Ridge regarding the impact on their quality of life. He said that nothing is compatible about the excessive use of the new north runway and the impact it has had on his residents. He said that the ONCC is working with the City of Chicago, FAA and airlines to deal with the impacts on residents regarding aircraft noise to their benefit and not to the benefit of Park Ridge.

Mayor Frimark continued by reading the following statement: It has been said that Park Ridge has not been singled out for aircraft noise. Anyone who looks at the map of the airport and the proposed runways can see that it has been singled out. At the completion of the OMP, his community will have flight paths from 5 runways passing over it. Only Elk Grove, Des Plaines, Rosemont and Bensenville have as many as or more than Park Ridge, and these communities

have direct access to the airport. Some of the communities that are represented on the ONCC will have reduced aircraft over-flights after the completion of the OMP, which is why it is no surprise that they are not opposed to the plan as Park Ridge is. A number of the communities from the ONCC will see higher real estate values and better quality of life. However, Park Ridge's quality of life and real estate values will diminish. He will ask the state and federal representatives for real solutions on the issues as it moves forward which has happening slowly. He said that he will continue to press the congressman, congresswoman and U.S. Senators for noise abatement credits. He asked that the City of Chicago adhere to the Fly Quiet program. He said that it seemed like Park Ridge is receiving aircraft noise during the nighttime hours. He stated that, from looking at the December ANMS report, it is alarming because the number of complaint calls have risen from May which only totaled 92 calls and in December the total of calls are 1,184. The most alarming part is that 991 of those calls are coming from residents in Park Ridge. Of those 1,184 calls, 348 calls are because of aircraft flying between the hours of 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Several residents of Park Ridge have called complaining that they are being awakened during the middle of the night. He asked what is really going to be done about the issues he raised. Regional jets and smaller aircraft were promised on the new 27R/9L Runway; however, all types of aircraft are landing on that particular runway. He requests the evaluation of the 65DNL based on actual monitoring data rather than a computer-generated program. The data that has been generated only points noise to the borders of Park Ridge. He asked that anyone who is interested to come out to Park Ridge during the evening on Belle Plaine so that people can realize the real impact that the new runway has on his community. He is really nervous about the damage that it will have on the environment because of the aircraft that are flying over Park Ridge. He mentioned that the quality of service from the City of Chicago's 311 Center is no better during the current month than in the past months.

Residents who call the hotline are waiting over 20 minutes and feel that they are being ignored. He asked that sound insulation be expedited at Roosevelt Elementary School which was an obvious oversight and needs to be rectified immediately. He noted that he went to the school for a Christmas program and went to the second floor of the school which is not air conditioned and to get some type of air they need to open the windows. As children were in the classrooms, aircraft were flying over and the noise was very loud. He asked that something be done immediately for Roosevelt Elementary School which is more impacted than Washington School. The comments that he has made are concerns that his residents have made to him and he would like to go on record that he has made these particular issues public.

Alderman Walsten stated that he has asked for a portable monitor because he would like to know what the impact is on his community since the opening of the new north runway. He has also asked the EPA to install monitors to reveal the impacts on air quality in Des Plaines.

Mayor Mulder mentioned that the ONCC was created at the invitation of Mayor Daley to sit one-on-one to listen about the specifics of aircraft noise issues. No research has been conducted by the ONCC regarding air quality. The focus of the ONCC has always been on aircraft noise.

Mr. David Wright, a resident of Park Ridge, asked why Park Ridge only has one monitor located at Gillick and Prospect streets.

Mayor Mulder replied that Park Ridge has three monitors and an additional permanent is being installed. Monitors were placed according to the flight paths. The ONCC advocated having the

fourth monitor to be installed.

Mayor Frimark commented that the current monitor locations are not on the flight path. He has requested funding for monitors from Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky and State Senator Kotowski. They are working on getting a grant for more monitors in Park Ridge.

Ms. Colleen McInerney, a resident of Des Plaines, said that she has been in contact with the ONCC numerous times about 747 aircraft flying over her home at all hours and waking her children up in the middle of the night. She said that she has been told that nothing can be done about it. She said that she is working also with Jan Schakowsky's office to get a monitor at her home but was told by airport officials that even if the monitor reads over 65 DNL nothing will be done.

Mr. Frame replied that there is a waiting list for portable noise monitors. He said that it is important that people understand that the main criteria for sound insulation is being located inside the 65 DNL noise contour according to the FAA's EIS statement for the OMP. Staff is willing to place a portable monitor at a resident's home but it is only a two-week snapshot and does not change the eligibility for sound insulation.

The ONCC and Department of Aviation staff are continuing to work on improvements to the O'Hare Fly Quiet Program. He explained that the Fly Quiet Program is a voluntary program and the ONCC is working continuously to improving communications with pilots and air traffic controllers.

Mr. Frank Icuss, a Chicago Resident, thanked the ONCC for allowing public comments. He challenged the ONCC to approach their representatives and tell them to talk to the FAA. The FAA is not one that can go without question. He questions the 65 DNL measured noise level that the FAA uses. Soundproofing only grants residents relief from aircraft noise when you are inside the home. He would like quality of life 24 hours a day and pays taxes for quality of life 24 hours a day. He said that the ONCC should insist on re-evaluating the methodology of determining the DNL. He has spent his life measuring noise and the 65 DNL is not what's annoying. The constant aircraft that fly over his home is what's annoying. He said that aircraft are landing every 35 seconds. The property values need re-evaluating and property taxes need to be readjusted. He said that the FAA must lower the threshold from 65 DNL. He noted that the FAA works for the residents not the residents for the FAA.

Mayor Mulder replied that a letter was mailed to the FAA regarding the re-evaluation of the 65 DNL.

Mr. Icuss said that he has taken the reading from the ANMS report for the past couple of years and in December 2008 he noticed an increase in arrivals from the east of approximately 20% over the previous two years. He would like to know why planes are coming from the east when historically they are from the west.

Mr. Icuss questioned whether the sound monitors are measuring at ground level or 30 feet in the air. If they are 30 feet in the air, the monitors are only capturing direct noise. He said that the residents hear reflected and direct noise. He said that more questions need to be asked about the monitors.

Mayor Mulder invited Mr. Icuss to an ONCC Technical Committee meeting where the issues he has raised can be discussed.

Mr. John Wiedner, a Chicago resident, asked why Runway 22R is not being used more frequently.

Mr. Frame replied that said that traffic patterns were shifted when the new runway was opened. Traffic from 4L/22R has been shifted to the new runway because the plan called for parallel 27s. A new air traffic pattern has been implemented since the opening of the new north runway.

Mr. Frame explained that the new pattern calls for the use of the new north runway. The main goal for the OMP was to utilize that runway to reduce the congestion at O'Hare. He said that when O'Hare experiences delays, it affects the entire air space system. Having three runways with east/west flows allows the relief of congestion.

Mayor Mulder questioned if the change to the flight patterns are permanent.

Mr. Frame explained that, when winds are accommodating, the anticipated use of the parallel patterns of the 27s is about 2/3 of the time, or 67%. He noted that runway use changes every day, depending of the weather conditions, air traffic conditions and runway conditions.

Mr. Wiedner said that the air traffic over his home would not be such a problem if the traffic could just ease down to about 50%. The constant use of the new runway is bothersome.

Mr. Wiedner wondered about the funding status for Ebinger Elementary School in Chicago. Mr. Frame replied that Ebinger has been tested and does qualify for sound insulation. He has met with CPS officials and they are ready to submit a grant application to the FAA to request the funding.

Mr. Wiedner indicated his concern about sound insulation for Ebinger since the new runway has been in operation for a couple of months and the children are experiencing aircraft noise.

Mr. Frame said that a new grant has been executed for Hitch School in Chicago. In the next fiscal year he hopes that the FAA reauthorization will allow more funds to become available for school sound insulation.

Mr. Wiedner asked how the leadership of the ONCC is determined.

Mayor Mulder replied that elections will take place at the next ONCC meeting on March 6, 2009. The ONCC leadership is determined by ONCC members who are sitting around the table.

Ms. Joanne Cameron, a Park Ridge Resident, expressed her concern about students at Maine South High School because part of their physical education takes place outside of the school building. She wondered how the City of Chicago can operate a runway that can cause hearing damage to children. She mentioned that there are industrial areas are not being utilized. She also mentioned that a pilot that she talked to told her that airplanes can fly as low as they wish when they are landing.

Mr. Frame said that the statement of aircraft flying as low as they want is not correct. The FAA is very strict with the pilots. When they are approaching a runway, they are on a 3 percent decline and that rate of decline is called a glide slope. The glide slope is a well-established protocol for the pilots to follow.

Mr. Jim Habschmidt, a Park Ridge resident, wondered how schools that are further away from the airport than homes receive sound insulation.

Mr. Frame explained that schools have a different threshold. The ONCC adopted a lower standard for schools which means that more schools receive sound insulation.

Mr. Habschmidt wondered why the decibel levels are different for schools and homes.

Mr. Frame said that the federal standard is 65 DNL which is applied to all airports around the country. Chicago has a fortunate situation which allows the threshold to be lowered to 60 DNL which allows more sound insulation for schools.

Mr. Habschmidt said that he has purchased a handheld decibel monitor. He said that every plane that goes over his home reads over 80 dB. He also said that the planes don't fly at the same height. He said that United Airlines has the loudest airplanes and fly the lowest.

Mr. Frame said that, at the next ONCC Technical Committee, staff will explain how noise data is averaged to help residents understand the method and to help answer most of the questions that have been asked.

Mayor Mulder said that the ONCC in the past would receive the top 25 noise events. She suggested having them for discussion at the next ONCC Technical Committee.

Mr. Frame said that staff will provide a report at the next ONCC Technical Committee.

Mr. Habschmidt asked representatives from the FAA to explain why local newspapers published information regarding the north runway stating that the runway would be used only in bad weather and by regional aircrafts. At the ONCC December meeting, representatives said that the runway can be used at all hours and any type of aircraft could land on it. He said that the information was published was misrepresented and was not corrected.

Mr. Tony Molinero, a representative from the FAA's public affairs office, responded that the FAA has never said that the runway is for only bad weather or to be used for only regional aircraft. He said that the FAA cannot control what the newspapers publish.

Mr. Habschmidt asked when the other new runway would be open.

Mr. Frame said that Runway 10Center will open September 2011.

Ms. Betsy Hinds, a Park Ridge resident, said that her children attend George Washington

Elementary School and she wondered why the noise monitor was placed on Gillick Street. She said that it is not near the main flight pattern on Belle Plaine. She added that the airplanes are flying low and in close proximity to the school.

Mr. Frame explained that the monitor placed on Gillick Street is about a ½ block away from the flight path. He indicated the monitor sites on the contour map provided.

Ms. Hinds said that at monitor site 33 airplanes are still at a higher altitude. She said that Washington School has not been sound insulated and Spring is around the corner and the classrooms need to open the windows because they do not have air conditioning. She expressed concerns over children not being able to learn properly because of aircraft noise. She said that she has not heard any solutions to any of the issues raised. She suggested that aircraft stay at a higher level to reduce the noise impacts on the ground.

Mr. Frame said that Washington School is eligible for sound insulation and that he has had a meeting with school officials to discuss the process. The school will advertise for construction contracts and construction should begin in the Spring. They are currently finishing design work with the engineers.

Ms. Hinds said that she does not want sound insulation for her home. She would like to be able to open her windows during the Spring/Summer time in her home. She would like to know how to impose a height requirement for aircraft.

Mr. Frame replied that the airplanes are on a strict procedure for safety reasons.

Mr. Richard Kula of the FAA responded that aircraft arrive at 3 degree glide slope which is a national standard for safety on arrivals. This allows the pilot to control the throttle settings and to come in at an approach that maximizes safety. The 3 degrees is an aiming point 1,000 feet down the runway. He suggested having the Department of Aviation give her a gate analysis to show exactly the height of the aircraft. He said that no procedures are currently approved by the FAA for modifying the arrival flight track or for allowing deviations.

Ms. Hinds mentioned that at another airport they implemented a height restriction and wondered why it couldn't be done at O'Hare.

Mayor Mulder replied that it was at John Wayne Airport where it was implemented. She said that the ONCC represents citizens with the same issues as Ms. Hinds has stated. Mayor Mulder explained that what happened in 1990 was AINCA. At that point, there was an agreement with airlines and the FAA that the airlines agreed to upgrade their aircraft by the year 2000. All the airports that have arrival and departure regulations and curfews were given those prior to 1990.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

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