



DRAFT MINUTES

O'HARE AIRPORT COMMISSION

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
505 BUTLER PLACE PARK RIDGE, IL 60068

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.

Mission Statement

*To develop and recommend appropriate solutions enabling Park Ridge city officials to take decisive action to reduce noise and environmental impacts from operations at Chicago O'Hare International Airport, while protecting the health and safety of area residents, educating the community, positively impacting and protecting property, sense of community, and quality of life.*

Chairman Argionis called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**I. Roll Call**

On Roll Call, the following indicated their presence: Chairman Argionis and Commissioners Ferraro, Klaus (arr 7:06pm), Mills, Korovilas, Harrington, and Klunzinger.

City Manager Shawn Hamilton was also present.

**II. Approve Minutes – November 20, 2013**

Moved by Korovilas. Seconded by Ferraro.

**Motion carried, voice vote.**

**III. Aldermen Who Wish to be Heard on a Non-Agenda Item**

None present.

**IV. Citizens Who Wish to be Heard on a Non-Agenda Item**

None present.

**V. Discussion Items**

**A. Welcome new commissioners (introductions)**

Chairman Argionis welcomed everyone. He reviewed the background and the mission of the Commission, along with the goals and objectives. All present spent a few minutes introducing themselves to the Commission.

**B. FAA 12-13-13 response letter to Mayor Schmidt's 8-19-13 letter to Cong. Schakowsky**

A copy of the letter was including in the packet. Chairman Argionis reviewed the letter with the Commission. Argionis discussed the final OMP and the development of two more runways, along with the decommissioning of two runways. Argionis discussed what conditions would need to be met to secure a Supplemental Environmental Impact Study (SEIS). Commissioner Mills asked about types of cooperative efforts with other communities and groups. Discussion followed.

**C. Airport Noise Management System October & November 2013 Monthly Report data**

The Commission reviewed and discussed the reports provided in the packet from the ONCC. Chairman Argionis drew specific attention to the complaint hotline and the recent increase in the number of complaints being filed. Argionis mentioned the goal of raising awareness to residents on how to file complaints. Commissioner Klunzinger stated that information on complaint filing can be tied to an awareness campaign

of the Commission and O'Hare issues. Commissioner Mills questioned on what mechanisms the Commission has used previously to gather feedback. Commission discussed a survey from 2013 and a previous referendum in the City. Commissioner Ferraro mentioned the history of the City spending money with no positive results. Commissioner Korovilas believes that education and awareness is the key, as most people think the only options are lawsuits. Discussion followed.

**D. Update on Air Quality Monitor at Maine South**

Chairman Argionis provided background on the monitor. City Manager Hamilton provided a copy of the letter sent to the Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) requesting access to the data collected and the response letter he received from the CDA. The Commission discussed the need to find an expert to analyze the data once it is received.

**E. December 2013 Tribune Article**

The Commission discussed the article included in the packet from the Chicago Tribune regarding new runway configurations.

**F. Spokesman Article raised interest**

Chairman Argionis stated that phone calls came in post the article in the recent Spokesman. City Manager Hamilton stated that the Commission now has a permanent spot in the quarterly Spokesman to share information from the Commission and O'Hare issues. The Commission discussed what to include in the next Spokesman submission. Commissioners Klunzinger and Mills volunteered to collaborate the next submission and forward to the City Manager and Chairman for final review and approval. Commissioner Klaus discussed information he provided in the packet showing the contour maps and approaches. Discussion followed.

**G. Follow up regarding Part 161 – Barb Lichman**

Chairman Argionis reviewed with the Commission the presentation to the City Council from Barb Lichman and the response letter she submitted to the City Manager regarding Part 161. It was stated in the letter that the owner of the airport (Chicago) would have to cooperate in mitigation efforts and that political support would be needed to gain in relief efforts. Chairman Argionis stated that he believed Park Ridge is going about those options with cooperative efforts and engagement with FAiR and other community groups. Discussion followed. Commissioner Mills stated that it would be a good idea to research any other data or articles on Part 161. Commissioners Klunzinger and Mills volunteered to research Part 161 and bring any further information to the Commission in the future on this topic. City Manager Hamilton stated that the presentation to the City Council and response letter from Lichman were at no cost to the City.

**H. Update on contact with environmental groups (Comm. Korovilas)**

Commissioner Korovilas reached out to two groups and did secure one group that may be willing to work with the Commission once we receive data from the monitor at Maine South.

**I. Update on contact with authors/professors of recent Health Studies**

The Commission discussed including some of the information from the Health Studies distributed at the November 2013 Commission meeting in the next Spokesman article.

**J. FAiR January 25 Meeting held in Park Ridge**

Chairman Argionis discussed the meeting FAiR held in Park Ridge that he and Alderman Mazzuca attended. City Manager Hamilton will confirm with the City Attorney if there would be any Open Meetings Act violations if more than two Commissioners attended a FAiR meeting.

**VI. New Business**

The Commission discussed attendance at future ONCC meetings by members. Commissioner Ferraro suggested the creation of subgroups of Commissioners to discuss specific issues, or to create subcommittees of the Commission, to continue to gain momentum for the Commission. Chairman Argionis stated that he would place that topic on the next meeting agenda.

**VII. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.