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### MINUTES

#### O'HARE AIRPORT COMMISSION

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
505 BUTLER PLACE  
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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2016 AT 7:00PM

#### ***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 7:00pm.

#### **I. Roll Call**

On roll call, the following indicated their presence: Commissioners Ackeret, Argionis, Heskin, Klaus, Mills and Rapp. Alderman Mazzuca was present. Administrative Specialist Brigid Madden was also present along with one resident.

#### **II. Approval of Minutes**

**A. August 19, 2015**

**B. November 18, 2015**

Moved by Commissioner Mills. Seconded by Commissioner Rapp.  
Motion carried by voice vote.

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

None.

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

None.

#### **V. ONCC -Update on Ad Hoc Committee Regarding Fly Quiet and last general ONCC Meeting**

Commissioner Rapp announced that the next Fly Quiet Ad Hoc meeting is Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am at the CDA. The next step before voting on changes to the Fly Quiet program is modeling the proposed configurations. Presentations from the CDA and FAiR are available on the ONCC website. Five of the nine Ad Hoc Committee members are also on the ONCC Technical Committee. Commissioner Rapp explained that the Tech Committee discussed cargo operations at its last meeting.

Commissioner Rapp explained how Alderman Napolitano from the 41<sup>st</sup> Ward of Chicago publically asked Mayor Rahm Emanuel to appoint him to the ONCC. Alderman Napolitano recently introduced an Ordinance regarding the O'Hare Modernization Program.

**VI. Standing Reports**

- A. Communication: No Report.
- B. In the News: Commissioner Mill's distributed a report.
- C. Health/Safety Issues: No Report
- D. City Council Updates: Commissioner Argionis continues to send relevant updates to the Acting Mayor and Alderman Mazzuca. Alderman Mazzuca will announce the FAiR petition at the City Council Meeting.
- E. Data: No Report.
- F. FAiR Update: Commissioner Rapp spoke about Senate Bills 636 and 637, introduced by Senator Mulroe.
- G. Legislative Update: The proposed ordinance from Alderman Napolitano was discussed.

**VII. Information/Discussion Items**

**A. Most recent news about last runway of OMP (Granville/Peterson corridor)**

This runway will equally distribute noise. Gates will be negotiated in 2018. The new western expansion will require support from American Airlines and United.

**B. Resident's proposal to consider drafting noise ordinance to fine airlines in violation (based on Steve Taber's prior recommendations)**

Commissioner Argionis explained that Steve Taber, an aviation lawyer, prepared a memo to the City Council regarding options for the City regarding noise and air quality issues. Resident Tom Hannon who presented this proposal at the last meeting was present. The Commissioners discussed how a noise ordinance would give the City leverage over the airlines. Prior to making a recommendation to the City Council, Commissioner Argionis explained the need to research this proposal, determine if other municipalities made similar attempts and prepare a cost analysis. Mr. Hannon explained his concerns with the larger government agencies involved and stated that the EPA will not restrict the FAA based on air pollution because both are government agencies. Mr. Hannon predicts that the software to track and fine airlines would cost \$10,000 to build. Commissioner Argionis explained that additional costs would include attorney services, if an aviation attorney was required to draft such an ordinance. Commissioner Rapp will speak to other municipalities to determine whether they have made similar attempts. Commissioner Heskin will reach out to Steve Taber for his opinion and other members will conduct independent research prior to the next meeting.

Alderman Mazzuca explained that federal preemption would likely cause this ordinance to be invalid because it conflicts with federal law. He suggested that the Commission research cost and gage support from surrounding communities. Alderman Mazzuca does not believe this will financially affect the airlines, but sees value in the publicity it may cause. The Commission should consider strategic payoffs.

Commissioner Rapp explained that the airlines are at times "friends" with local municipalities. American and United do not want to fund the build out on the west side of the airport.

**C. Maine South Air Quality Monitor**

The data was received and review, but the OAC has not been able to view the final report. Commissioner Argionis ask that City Manager Hamilton provide this for the next meeting.

**D. Residential Sound Insulation Eligibility List**

The Commissioners would like the City to reach out to residents who are eligible for sound proofing but have not enrolled. An update from the City Manager is expected before the next meeting. Dale Engrebretson, who no longer works for the City, had been attending the residential sound proofing meetings. The Commissioners and Alderman Mazzuca would like to know who is attending in his place.

**E. Spokesman Articles**

Commissioner Klunzinger will be asked for ideas for an article. Articles are due by February 29<sup>th</sup>.

**F. Enhancements to City's website Airport Issues page**

Commissioner Argionis explained that he has been working with the City Manager and Acting Mayor regarding updates to the website. Alderman Mazzuca spoke briefly on requests to make the City website more user-friendly.

**VIII. New Business**

**IX. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:44pm.