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O'HARE AIRPORT COMMISSION

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2017 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: Chairman Argionis, Commissioners Judge, Kosower, Mills and Rapp. Alderman Mazzuca and Senior Administrative Assistant Brigid Madden were also present along with three residents.

II. Approval of Minutes – January 18, 2017

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

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

Alderman Mazzuca explained that an agenda item came before the City Council at the last Committee of the Whole meeting that would reduce the number of Commissioners on the OAC from nine to seven. It was approved and will come before the City Council for final approval on Monday, March 20.

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

V. Second Fly Quiet Night Rotation – March 10 ONCC Meeting

Commissioner Rapp attended the March 10 ONCC meeting. He explained that the rotation was approved by a vote of 36 to 10. The Mayor voted against the rotation.

Commissioner Rapp explained that the rotation would greatly affect Park Ridge. The rotation now includes arrivals on 14 L, which was added to provide relief for the use of 14 R. 9 R will be used for departures, which will bank over Park Ridge at night. Commissioner Rapp explained that the FAA did not like the use of 4L for departures, as it is a shorter, 7,500-foot runway.

The second Fly Quiet Rotation is a three month, 12-configuration test. Commissioner Rapp explained that because there are primary and secondary runways, there is a possibility that some of

the configurations will not be tested. The City of Chicago has suggested a third Fly Quiet Rotation following this test, which would not include runway 15 / 33.

Commissioner Rapp explained that this test would not include a survey. Mayor Maloney questioned this at the ONCC meeting and it was deferred to the next Ad Hoc meeting.

Chairman Argionis review the vote results. Commissioner Mills suggest the ONCC use weighted voting, providing a higher level of impact to those communities closest to the airport. Commissioner Rapp added that the school districts voted in favor of the rotation.

Commissioner Rapp explained that the rotation would provide short-term relief. Chairman Argionis added that the northwest area of Park Ridge was impacted by the first rotation test, but there was no corresponding relief in other areas of the City.

Chairman Argionis suggested that the Commission and City coordinate more with representatives from District 64 and 207. He recommended inviting them to the next OAC meeting. Alderman Mazzuca explained that the City Council has an appointed Intergovernmental Liaison, who is presently Alderman Milissis. Alderman Mazzuca suggested inviting Alderman Milissis to the meeting as well. Commissioner Mills volunteered to find out who the school representatives are and invite them to the May meeting.

Commissioner Kosower commented on the survey results from the first Fly Quiet Rotation. He explained that the response from Park Ridge was much broader than other municipalities.

VI. Environmental Study / Research

Chairman Argionis acknowledged Jack Barnette who was present in the audience and a member of the Community Health Commission. Mr. Barnette explained that there is interest from the Health Commission and they will be discussing it at their next meeting.

VII. Standing Reports

A. Communication: Commissioners Rapp and Mills assisted with the Spokesman article, which will be delivered to residents on April 1.

B. Legal: Commissioner Judge discussed a 2015 lawsuit brought forward by citizens of Bensenville against the City of Chicago. The "unjust enrichment" claim is applicable to Park Ridge residents. He explained that the complaints were recently amended and he will provide an update at the next meeting.

C. In the News: Commissioner Mills distributed a report, which is available on the City's website.

Commissioner Rapp added that IDOT has issued a 30-day request of information from potential developers for the South Suburban Airport. IDOT is looking for potential public or private partnerships. The State of Illinois owns the parcels. The FAA requires a five million dollar investment from the State for a second Environmental Impact Study (EIS).

D. Health/Safety Issues: No additional report.

E. City Council Updates: No additional report.

F. FAA Communication: Commissioner Kosower explained that he has been in contact by both phone and email with Christina Drouet, Deputy Administrator of the Great Lakes Regional FAA. She was eager and willing to work with the Commission. Commissioner Kosower suggested developing a list of questions to present back to Ms. Drouet. He acknowledged that not all of the questions will be relative to the responsibilities of the FAA, but Ms. Drouet will ensure the questions get to the right organization. Chairman Argionis suggested inviting the FAA to an introductory meeting to open the lines of communication.

Chairman Argionis ask that Alderman Mazzuca report back to the City Council on the intent to connect with the school district representatives and this new relationship with the FAA.

G. FAiR Update: Commissioner Rapp explained that FAiR has a meeting scheduled with Representative Jan Schakowsky in early April and have recently met with Congressman Quigley. FAiR is trying to determine the status of western access, as it is cited for the primary reason to decommission the diagonal runway. Commissioner Rapp discussed FAiR's efforts toward securing a regional solution. FAiR representatives will be meeting with western municipalities, including Itasca and Elk Grove Village.

VIII. Park Ridge Added to the ONCC Technical Committee

Commissioner Rapp explained that the FAA made a presentation at the last Technical Committee meeting about extreme weather. The FAA projections indicate that operations are dropping off and will continue to decline for the next four years before increasing again. Commissioner Rapp explained that overnight operations are increasing – there are 89 operations a night over the capacity at full OMP buildout, meaning that the City of Chicago is not operating within the FAA guidelines.

Commissioner Rapp explained that the City of Chicago is updating their complaint system. The CDA questioned whether it needed to comply with complaint data anymore. Commissioner Rapp found this to be suspicious considering survey data was not being collected either. Chairman Argionis explained that nothing has been done with the noise complaint date to date. Commissioner Rapp asked if complaints are a true measure of airport noise and he discussed the “burn-out rate.” He explained that Park Ridge had a number of first time complainers as a result of the first Fly Quiet Rotation.

Commissioner Kosower suggested establishing a way for residents to complain locally. Alderman Mazzuca explained that the City of Chicago controls the mechanism for complaining, which is why FAiR developed a way complaint. While FAiR complaints are sent to the CDA, the data is also saved by FAiR. Commissioner Rapp explained that FAiR is working on a piece that would document the discrepancies between their data and the CDA's.

Alderman Mazzuca explained that if every mechanism for complains went away, the OAC should come to the City Council to discuss the budget to put something in place.

IX. Residential Sound Insulation Eligibility List

Chairman Argionis reviewed the efforts of the OAC in notifying qualifying homeowners. It was recommend that the City reach out via phone as well to confirm whether they are interested in insulation.

X. New Business

A portable noise monitor report was distributed and results discussed.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.