



DRAFT MINUTES

O'HARE AIRPORT COMMISSION

CITY HALL  
SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM  
505 BUTLER PLACE PARK RIDGE, IL 60068

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2013 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 7:05 p.m.

**I. Roll Call**

On Roll Call, the following indicated their presence: Chairman Argionis and Commissioners Demeros, Ferraro and Korovilas.

City Manager Shawn Hamilton, Ray Klaus (Park Ridge resident), Laura Nishi (Park Ridge resident), Andy Rothstein (Park Ridge resident), and Anne Lunde (Park Ridge Journal reporter) were also present.

**II. Approve Minutes – September 18, 2013**

Moved by Korovilas. Seconded by Demeros.

**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**

Laura Nishi (1408 S. Fairview Ave) stated that the planes have been pretty bad since the recent runway change. She said it appears there will be a north / south battle with Touhy being the dividing line, and that South Park is really affected.

Ray Klaus (316 N. Rose Ave) talked about sharing approach procedures with the Commission and considering the timing of the flight schedule.

Andy Rothstein (326 S. Greenwood) discussed the increased night traffic from the cargo facility that will open in seven years.

Chairman Argionis mentioned where to access data (City website, ONCC, CDA). He also mentioned that representatives from FAiR have downloaded decibel meters to their smart phones and were collecting readings and sharing with other members.

**V. Discussion Items**

**A. Barb Lichman's November 4, 2013 presentation to the City Council**

The presentation to the Council was discussed. This was the third aviation attorney to present to the Council. Part 161 was discussed. Chairman Argionis mentioned that the presentation was well attended by

others outside of Park Ridge. He further stated that the City has been adverse to spending additional dollars toward the legal issues, and that they (City) would not want to do anything until more input from others was received. Commissioner Ferraro appreciated that she came as he learned something new with Part 161. Ferraro stated he would work with City Manager Hamilton to secure the information on Part 161 from Lichman and share with the Council before the next Commission meeting.

**B. Air Quality Monitor at Maine South**

Chairman Argionis gave a summary of the monitor at Maine South. He stated that a request would need to be made to the CDA to obtain the collection data and asked City Manager Hamilton if he would follow up on the request to obtain the reading from the monitor.

**C. Environmental Groups Potential Support**

A meeting was held with Senator Kotowski to attempt to get environmental groups to work "pro bono" on environmental information. Commissioner Korovilas will research other groups and the research and / or experience they have and will report back to the Commission.

**D. Update of Park Ridge's Support of FAiR**

Chairman Argionis reported that FAiR has been meeting regularly, created subgroups, and that their membership is growing. FAiR completed a door hanger campaign in Park Ridge. Argionis stated that FAiR is demonstrating that activities can be done to push and make elected officials aware. They have been meeting with other members to get involved, including Park Ridge residents. FAiR does have a webpage. Commissioner Ferraro stated that it appears clear that things will change with the cargo facility and that word needs to get out to the community. Ideas discussed were newspaper articles, library forum, and a Spokesman piece. City Manager Hamilton will check on the timeliness of having a Spokesman piece placed in the next issue.

**E. Update of Park Ridge Request for FAA/CDA to address City Council regarding OMP and Interim Re-Evaluation**

The Commission requested that City Manager Hamilton request again for a question and answer meeting with the FAA / CDA regarding O'Hare issues. City Manager Hamilton did report that, at the request of the Mayor, he made that request and that the only option available was an "open house" forum.

**F. October 2013 British Medical Journal studies regarding health effects from living near an airport**

Three studies were distributed and enclosed in the packet from the British Medical Journal regarding health impacts and aircraft noise. The studies showed that there is research and data out there validating some of the claims of the Commission and other groups. The Commission believed that this research should be referenced in communication pieces. Commissioner Demeros will research the Universities and Medical Schools mentioned in the article to report back on any further information and outreach they may perform.

**VI. New Business**

Klaus offered to work on sketches of the approaches and would bring them to the next meeting.

**VII. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.