



MINUTES

O'HARE AIRPORT COMMISSION

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 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 7:08 p.m.

I. Roll Call

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

Ald. Mazzuca, Administrative Assistant Cannon, Bob Chiarito (Chicago Tribune/TribLocal reporter), Trustee Lester Szlendak (Harwood Heights) and Chris Kueppers (Park Ridge resident) were also present.

II. Approve Minutes – May 15, 2013

Moved by Chairman Argionis. Seconded by Korovilis.

Motion carried, voice vote.

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

No comments.

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

No comments.

V. Action Items

A. Aldermanic Update

Discussion of whether OAC wanted to prepare another aldermanic update, though Mayor gave a brief update at last council meeting. OAC decided to hold off on such an update and revisit if necessary later.

VI. Discussion Items

A. Update on Park Ridge request for FAA/CDA to address City Council regarding OMP update

Mayor Schmidt and City Manager formally referenced. No response. Offered Open House similar to ones that were done for Chicago wards where no questions are allowed. PR does not feel this would be beneficial and requests interactive dialogue with FAA/CDA.

B. Update on Barb Lichman presentation to City Council

Aviation Attorney Barb Lichman will come speak to council. Attorney Steve Taber and Hinshaw firm have done a similar presentations in the past. Ms. Lichman will appear on November 4, 2013. OAC will consider what recommendations should be made after the presentation. FAiR has been invited to attend.

Members of OAC urged to attend and make recommendations to Council afterwards.

Trustee Lester Szlendak believes surrounding communities (Harwood Heights, Norridge, Wood Dale, etc.) should assist in getting SEIS or working together on other relief/mitigation measures. He also commented that certain ONCC members are not affected and stand to benefit from the changes occurring at O'Hare and that overall the effected communities cannot expect positive assistance from the ONCC.

Chairman Argionis urged members to stand united and work together.

C. Recommendations for Council regarding retaining experts/funding attorneys

Heard from Hinshaw and Taber. Will hear from Barbara Lichman. After – OAC will consider and make recommendations to City Council. Historically funding has been tough but with increased attention and many groups now working together there is a possibility of getting appropriate funding.

D. City Council Resolution supporting FAiR and plan for future efforts working together for mitigation measures

Discussions were had of all the positive and energetic work FAiR has been doing in the area including contacting elected officials, door hangers, media coverage and building a growing coalition. Based on FAiR's activities, Cong. Quigley held a meeting on 9/3 at the CDA Building. FAA, ONCC, and CDA were present and discussed with certain FAiR representatives some of the issues. FAiR also had organized a protest outside of the meeting. City Manager Hamilton attended and provided a summary to OAC.

FAiR will be reaching out to other similarly situated communities. .

Trustee Szlendak suggested petitioning door to door and getting support and showing elected officials how big the coalition is and how serious and dedicated they are to the issues.

7:10 pm Lisa Z. a Member of FAiR joined the meeting.

E. IEPA special purpose air quality monitor at Maine South High School (communication with IEPA; meeting with Sen. Kotowski; District 207)

OAC reviewed documents relating to the temporary air quality monitor at Maine South High School which was part of meeting minutes from District 207. Chairman Argionis wrote to the IEPA representative that attended that District 207 meeting to obtain clarification about the monitor. He shared the information with OAC which included that the air monitor was non operational until 7/3/13 due to power issues and has not yet produced samples. The IEPA stated that this monitor's data will not be available on the IEPA website as is the data for the permanent monitors. This one is not listed on the website because it is temporary and will last only 6 months and data will be turned over to CDA. Requests for information need to be directed to the CDA. Our City Manager will request info near end of monitoring period but OAC discussed and determined that the data should be requested on a rolling basis. Discussion was also had about requesting a better time sample to take into account the change of seasons and other factors. It was also discussed that PR should ask that the monitor become permanent and that PR needs the assistance of someone with expertise in environmental issues to interpret the data and assist in obtaining mitigation measures for PR.

Ald. Mazzuca commented that request from City Manager may be ignored and that possibly a FOIA request should be made.

It was discussed whether Park Ridge should reach out to environmental groups in hopes of obtaining access to environmental experts. Trustee Szlendak suggested also contacting university environmental studies departments.

F. Plan for communication with elected officials: U.S. Senators; Rep. Schakowsky; Rep. Quigley; Sen. Kotowski; and St. Rep. Moylan and Mulroe

All have been contacted by PR or FAiR and both will continue such efforts. Senator Kotowski has been helpful and has met with FAiR.

G. Lufthansa – Frankfurt night flight ban upheld by Court (article)

Court upheld night flight band. Discussion was had about this other success story. OAC has been monitoring such stories which demonstrate that something can and should be done about the issues. There have been some positive results also in Minnesota.

H. Estimate for printing/mailing resident mailer

The communication efforts to date, including Spokesman, Library Forum, survey, were discussed and the possibility of further ways to educate PR residents was discussed including a mailer.

VII. New Business

There was a discussion of a possible new member, who was in attendance and encouraged to apply. The Commission decided to hold their next meeting on November 20, 2013 and will meet every 2 months going forward.

Com. Ferraro had no update on the cargo facility.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.