

**CHICAGO EXECUTIVE AIRPORT
AIRPORT NOISE COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2016
1020 S. PLANT ROAD
WHEELING, IL 60090
6:30 PM**

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Committee Chair Jamie Abbott called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll call confirmed the following present: Steve Neff and Ray Lang, Larry Rosenthal and Bill Zyrkowski.

Absent: Richard Rogers

Also in Attendance: Jamie Abbott – Executive Director
 Jennifer Pfeifer - Recording Secretary
 Scott Campbell – Chief Financial Officer
 Amy Hanson – FAA

II. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the June 8, 2016 Noise Committee minutes was made by Ray Lang and seconded by Larry Rosenthal. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

III. Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

IV. Committee Chair Report

Jamie Abbott welcomed those in attendance and spoke on the following topics:

- NEM Update – Participation agreement this month to the Board. Getting dates together for kick off meeting. It will be an approximately 12-month process and there will be updates distributed. A consultant will be asked to come to the next Noise Committee Meeting to give a briefing on the process. The project will be launched the day after the next board meeting if the participation is approved.
- The runway project is completed. Traffic and noise has increased because the project is completed. There will be a final inspection in the next couple of weeks.
- The 310 departure will be put off until late Spring so that there is a good sample of outdoor conditions. According to Amy Hanson from the FAA in order to have testing when resident's windows are open and closed, the best time to start would be in the Spring.

Ray Lang suggested a “trial run” of the 310 departure to give residents a sample of how the noise would be different. Amy Hanson said that this has never been done before.

V. Consideration of the Approval of Parliamentary Procedures for the Noise Committee

Jamie read through the suggested procedure. There was discussion about Robert’s Rules of Order from Larry Rosenthal. It was agreed upon that there would no time limit on the length of the meeting and that the Agenda would be sent to the Noise Committee members on the Friday before the meeting.

A motion to approve the Parliamentary Procedures with changes was made by Steve Neff and seconded by Larry Rosenthal. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

VI. Committee Member Comments

Larry Rosenthal questioned the significance of data collected during a one-day test of the 310 departure and would like a list of upcoming Noise Committee meeting dates sent to everyone. The meetings are scheduled to be on the 2nd Tuesday every three months. The next meeting will be on December 13, 2016 @ 6:30 PM.

Bill Zyrkowski commented on the increased airplane traffic and that he did not consider the noise loud.

Ray Lang discussed the 310 departure concerns that a resident in Buffalo Grove had. The procedure was explained to the Village Manager and any concerns were resolved.

Steve Neff discussed some information from the 2005 NEM update. He spoke about his FOIA request for data from PWK and the FAA. He has been unable to obtain these reports because they are over 10 years old and no longer available. Amy Hanson confirmed that the new data will be available after the update is complete. Steve asked how runway closures would affect the data and does noise tracking pick up all traffic including VFR and when the tower is closed. He also suggested a noise monitor and stated he wants a good representation of the airport noise. Amy said there would be field sampling of noise and samples taken during each season. He shared his research on the top ten reliever airports in the country, where residential areas are located, how they address noise issues, and their policies concerning aircraft weight and operation hours and fees and surcharges. Ray Lang pointed out that fees have been discussed in the past and that there was a legal explanation. Steve’s main concern is noise at night and early in the morning. Jamie and Ray discussed better communication with tenants and pilots about limiting late and very early operations. Jamie will consult with the FAA about curfews. He also noted that the weight of an aircraft is not necessarily an indication of the amount of noise it produces. He will obtain the legal opinion about landing fees from the airport attorney. Larry Rosenthal spoke about studying the noise issue and making recommendations to the Board of Directors.

VII. Public Comments

Phil Mader spoke about how he has been trying for two and a half years to have the noise reduced, how the airport is growing, jet traffic is increasing and his biggest concern is evening and early morning noise. He asked why it has taken so much time for communication with charters, dispatchers and pilots to ask for voluntary noise reduction. He pointed out that 30 years ago, when he moved here the traffic was mostly piston, it has changed to jet and nothing has been done for the residents. He wants the airport to communicate with charter companies, ask pilots to fly quiet and thanked Ray for his support. Ray Lang said that he understands and they are working on what can be done, it takes time and they are studying Teterboro Airport. He pointed out that a loss of aviation business means a loss of funds for the airport to pay for noise remediation. Phil thinks that having a few restrictions and rules would not hurt and he would like progress on noise reduction to speed up. Larry Rosenthal spoke about how Steve Neff should propose a list of things to be discussed by the committee for the next meeting agenda under new business.

Melissa Sobie, a Wheeling resident, spoke about the 310 departure procedure and that she has a better understanding now. Amy from the FAA explained that the program will start in the Spring and a sample from each season will be taken. Melissa acknowledged Steve for researching other airports and thanked him. She has noticed an increase in noise during the week between 11:00 PM and 6:00 AM and would like to see something done about late night and early morning arrivals and departures.

VIII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Bill Zyrkowski and seconded by Steve Neff to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Pfeifer
Executive Secretary