

**CHICAGO EXECUTIVE AIRPORT  
AIRPORT NOISE COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY JUNE 5, 2019  
1020 S. PLANT ROAD  
WHEELING, IL 60090  
6:00 PM**

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Committee Chair Jamie Abbott called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call confirmed the following present: Ray Lang and Steve Neff. Absent: Richard Rogers

Also in Attendance:     Jamie Abbott – Executive Director  
                                  Jennifer Pfeifer - Recording Secretary

**II. Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the March 6, 2019 Noise Committee minutes was made by Steve Neff and seconded by Ray Lang. The minutes were approved by a voice vote. Ayes: Ray Lang and Steve Neff. Absent: Richard Rogers.

**III. Committee Chair Report**

Jamie Abbott summarized Part 150 Environmental Study, Noise Compatibility Programs, Residential Sound Insulation Program and the process. He introduced Penny Merritt, project manager for C&S Companies. Steve Neff asked for her qualifications and experience. Jamie and Penny spoke about C&S work at two other GA airports and Penny summarized her past work. She talked about the start of the program and how the process will proceed for homeowners. She said windows and doors in living areas and insulation will be installed. Welcome letters, pamphlets and timelines will be sent. Homeowner workshops will be conducted. During the next few months she will be setting up an office which will be a place for residents to come. A pilot phase will be done with ten homes that will be in a sampling of neighborhoods.

Mary Papantos asked when the start date is, and Penny said the welcome letter will go out within three months. Mary also asked if townhomes are considered multi-family and how many years the program will go. Penny said townhomes are multi-family and she spoke about her experience on past projects. Jamie said the program will go for safely ten years.

A resident asked how 65 decibels is measure and Penny clarified that it is based on 24 hours a day noise level. Jamie said the Noise Exposure Maps already exist and are posted on the website.

A resident asked if a home is not in the 65 dnl and the resident does not receive a welcome letter then what can the resident do? Penny spoke about upgrades that the homeowner could do on their own. She also said there might be homes that do not fall into the contour that the FAA could

possibly fund upgrades, but this would only happen after all the qualified homes have been completed.

Steve Berman spoke about “block rounding” and Penny said that typically homes that are eligible are worked on first. He also asked if the consultant uses an artificial noise source and Penny said yes, they use a speaker that makes a 100-decibel noise and then measure the noise level inside the house.

A resident asked how he finds out ahead of time if his home might qualify and Jamie said the information will be on the website and the Noise Exposure Map is already posted.

A resident asked if the 65-decibel rating is measured inside or outside of the home and Penny said it is measured outside. Also, the data the acoustic team captures will be shared with residents.

Steve Neff spoke about the number of residences and costs from the 2008 noise study. Penny said single family homes are typically worked on first and that currently costs are \$35,000-\$40,000 per home. Jamie added that the first year of the program will include 10 homes and in subsequent years the number of homes completed will be gauged by the budget. Steve asked where the windows come from and Penny said the supplier is determined by criteria and have been approved by the FAA. Jamie described the showroom for the O’Hare program and said a smaller scale office will be set up here. Steve asked about positive ventilation and Penny explained how it works. Steve asked if the windows are triple pane or storm windows and Penny explained.

Linda Mader asked if the age of the home makes a difference and Penny said the minimum age of a home to qualify is set by the FAA. Jamie then listed the series of qualifications to participate in the RSIP. Phil Mader asked if a resident is not qualified then where do they seek legal action. Jamie said that course of action is up to the resident. Linda asked for more detail about the pilot program and Penny explained that the worst affected areas in each neighborhood will be worked on first and initially there will be more noise testing.

Ray Lange asked if the Noise Exposure Map could be made clearer to read and with street names. He suggested working with Andrew Jennings at the Village of Wheeling. He would also like a summary of procedures for people to take posted on the website.

A resident asked if the labor is done by local contractors and Penny said the work goes out to bid, there are criteria the contractors must meet, there is a bonding requirement and they are chosen by the airport. It is a competitive bid process.

A resident asked who the welcome letters will be sent to and Penny said they will initially go to everyone in the 65 dnl, additional correspondence will go to the chosen homes in the pilot program and she explained what the letter would basically say.

A resident asked what can be done about the noise outside of the house, such as on the deck. Jamie said there will be an effort to remind pilots to use NBAA procedures and said residents should continue to register noise comments.

There were some concerns about the window problems the Midway Airport project encountered, and Penny said that that window manufacturer is no longer in business and that the odor turned out to be the screens. She emphasized that she has a good relationship with a window manufacturer that is working on replacing all those windows with bad screens.

A resident asked if the noise contour changes could more homes be eligible? He has noticed that the shorter runways are being used more often during the last year. Jamie said the Noise Exposure Maps will be done every five years and will show any adjustment in the noise contour.

#### **IV. New Business**

There was no new business.

#### **V. Committee Member Comments**

- Ray Lang had no further comments.
- Steve Neff spoke about the noise committee purpose statement, Director Kiefer's comment about dissolving the noise committee, outreach for new noise committee members, the Noise Exposure Maps, the Master Plan and TIPS. He asked when the Joint Workshop is scheduled, and Jamie said September 18<sup>th</sup> at Chevy Chase Country Club. Jamie also spoke about the next Master Plan Open House which will be on July 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Ramada. Steve asked Penny about the legal agreement for homeowners and code requirements. Penny explained the basics of the homeowner agreement and said homeowners will be advised if they have code violations. Steve would like to know how much money is going towards fixing the houses and how much is going to consultants.

#### **VI. Public Comments**

- There were no public comments.

#### **VII. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Steve Neff and seconded by Ray Lang to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by voice vote. Ayes: Ray Lang and Steve Neff. Absent: Richard Rogers. The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Pfeifer  
Executive Secretary