

**CHICAGO EXECUTIVE AIRPORT  
AIRPORT NOISE COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 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, Steve Neff and Richard Rogers. Absent: Larry Rosenthal

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

**II. Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the December 5, 2018 Noise Committee minutes was made by Ray Lang and seconded by Steve Neff. Steve Neff said there are two errors: Richard Rogers should have been marked as absent and he believes he made the comment under Item III about the NEM maps not being displayed at the public open house, not Ray Lang. The corrected minutes were approved by a voice vote. Ayes: Ray Lang, Steve Neff and Richard Rogers. Absent: Larry Rosenthal.

After listening to the recording of the December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, the recording confirms that the NEM map comments are correct as originally documented.

**III. Committee Chair Report**

Jamie Abbott spoke on the following topics:

- A. Residential Sound Insulation Program – The airport is still in contract negotiations with the consultant. There will be a contract including scope of services for the March 20<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors meeting. There will be more information to discuss after the contract is approved.

Richard Rogers asked which homes will be worked on first. Jamie said that the project will start on homes within the 65 dnl.

Ray Lang asked how many other reliever airports have this program and could that be the reason for the delayed contract? Jamie said the FAA wants to help with the program so that is not an issue but not many airports have done a sound insulation program for nearby residents, it is not common. Two examples would be an airport in MI and the one in Boca Raton, FL.

Steve Neff asked if the sound insulation work will be locally sourced. Jamie said IDOT will handle the bidding process but if we have a choice it will be locally sourced. Steve asked what the contract for a homeowner who chooses to have their home sound insulated say and he asked if Jamie has talked to Mt. Prospect Mayor Juracek. Jamie said there will be engagement with the community regarding the sound insulation program and, yes, Mayor Juracek has been helpful.

- B. Noise Complaint Reports – Jamie summarized and spoke about the relevance of the information in the reports.

Ray Lang asked if we have figured out the Palatine complaints from one resident. Jamie said, no, but that he has tried to speak to the person.

Richard Rogers noted the increase in complaints from Mt. Prospect and thanked Steve Neff for alerting everyone about the Master Plan. He is concerned that Mt. Prospect residents did not know about the Master Plan until recently and said he has received many calls from residents. Jamie agreed that the Master Plan discussion has caused interest in the airport and he will be speaking at a Mt. Prospect meeting. He wants the public to understand that it is not an expansion project. It is a master plan that includes much more than just the runway portion. Richard said he wants to see the runway expansion stopped. Ray Lang said there will be updates soon about the process and focus. He spoke about the Master Plan and that runway expansion is a recent discussion.

Steve Neff spoke about an upcoming March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Mt. Prospect Community Center. Richard would like Jamie to attend.

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

- A. Committee Purpose Statement Discussion

Jamie said that at the last Noise Committee Meeting in December, Larry Rosenthal asked if the committee has a purpose. The Committee Purpose Statement that has been distributed to committee members is a draft for discussion.

Steve Neff said we should pull some language out of the IGA. He will email his comments to Jamie.

Ray Lang spoke about finding new noise abatement procedures and ideas to reduce the noise impact. He said most recently a run-up area was changed from near Hintz Rd to reduce noise at the condos just north of that location. He spoke about an effort to widen Wolf Rd just north of Palatine Rd to help the communities. He asked if the tower could be open longer hours. Jamie said there is no way to lengthen the tower hours.

Jamie will take the Committee Purpose Statement to the next Board of Directors meeting for their comments.

## **V. Committee Member Comments**

- Richard Rogers said that Mt. Prospect wants the runway expansion stopped.
- Ray Lang had no further comments.
- Steve Neff spoke about the runway 12/30 resurfacing project. Jamie explained the process and project status. Richard asked if the project is just to resurface the runway. Jamie said yes, it will be resurfaced and hopefully widened. Richard said he hopes more planes will use 12/30; this will help with the noise. Steve said he likes the noise complaint reports and graphics and asked if all night flights can be tracked because this would be important to know. Jamie said there is a way to track. Steve asked if a new Part 150 study would have to be done if there was increased night traffic. Jamie said maybe an NEM Update. Ray Lang added there will be an NEM Update every five years. Jamie commented that an NEM Update could be done sooner if needed. Steve asked if the airport would be represented at the March meeting in Mt. Prospect and Jamie said, no, not at the March meeting but he will be at the April meeting.

## **VI. Public Comments**

- Maureen Stoskopf moved to Mt. Prospect in 1988 and at that time the traffic from the airport was mostly small airplanes. She spoke about the noise on Friday afternoons and said airplanes take off every minute or two. The noise is getting worse and she cannot go outside in the summer.
- Phil Mader spoke about noise complaints and encouraged Richard Rogers. He spoke about flights between 10 PM and 7 AM, the public open house, CMT, a past meeting when Charlie Priester attended and transparency. He said that in his opinion noise levels have not dropped and he does not believe the facts that the airport reports. He commented about Steve Neff and Court Harris.

## **VII. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Ray Lang and seconded by Steve Neff to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by voice vote. Ayes: Ray Lang, Steve Neff and Richard Rogers. Absent: Larry Rosenthal. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Pfeifer  
Executive Secretary