

**CHICAGO EXECUTIVE AIRPORT
AIRPORT NOISE COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 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.

Absent: Richard Rogers, Larry Rosenthal and Bill Zyrkowski

Also in Attendance: Jamie Abbott – Executive Director
 Jennifer Pfeifer - Recording Secretary
 Scott Campbell – Chief Financial Officer
 Rob Mark – Airport Communications
 Bryce Walter – Airport Operations Assistant

II. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the March 9, 2016 Noise Committee minutes was made by Ray Lang and seconded by Steve Neff. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

III. Changes to the Agenda

Item V. Consideration of the Approval of Parliamentary Procedures for the Noise Committee was tabled for the next meeting. It has been drafted and given to the attorney. It will be ready in advance of the next meeting.

IV. Committee Chair Report

Jamie Abbott welcomed those in attendance to the fourth meeting of the Noise Committee. He then introduced committee and airport staff members. He spoke of updates since the last meeting of the NEM (Noise Exposure Map) and NCP (Noise Compatibility Program) part 150 recommendation and implementation. He then gave a summary for the benefit of new meeting attendees.

Jamie added that the NEM update would take 6-12 months.

There was some discussion about the legalities of noise fines and that those policies at other airports should be researched. Jamie finalized by saying that the goal is to establish noise

abatement procedures and deter noise but we also do not want to scare away the corporate community.

Jamie then spoke about the update on the 34 departure. He summarized the departure procedure to the north for new attendees. In a meeting with pilots there were no negative opinions or oppositions to the proposed 310 departure procedure. There was discussion about noise data collection during and after the construction.

V. Committee Member Comments

Steve Neff said that he had reached out to Amy Hanson at the FAA about the “noise set aside funds” process that he does not understand. Jamie replied that the airport pursued this issue over 10 years ago, the FAA was willing to give the airport money but the airport had to match 10% of the amount and it was not financially feasible for the airport to support at that time. There was discussion about throttle use at takeoff and how pilots are able to control the amount of noise by using less throttle based upon flying, weight of the aircraft and its cargo and weather conditions. Steve Neff also spoke about portable noise monitoring equipment, information he found in an Airport’s Desk Reference and a FOIA request for data from prior integrated noise models that he filed.

Ray Lang commented he would like the study to begin sooner rather than be delayed. And questioned the point of the study. Other solutions to decreasing noise discussed were continuing education and looking at what other airports are doing and how they handle noise. Ray Lang agreed that we are not the only airport dealing with noise.

VI. Public Comments

Cindi Kraft said that she understands that the study is focused on north of the airport. She lives to the south of the airport and between 5:15 PM and 8:04 PM 49 airplanes went over her house to the south. She moved here in 2011 and she believes it has gotten worse. Planes are extremely low and she is frightened. Jim Bergagna from the control tower said that departures to the south cannot be changed because of the proximity of O’Hare. It was discussed that runway approach is precise and cannot be changed.

Emilia Ritchie said that she lives on Plum Creek Drive and that it doesn’t matter which direction the airplanes arrive or depart from she hears all of the noise. She has complained to everyone and has written to Washington DC and received a reply that only this airport can do something about the noise.

Melissa Soble said that this is her first meeting. She has lived in the area since 1992 and has not complained and said that she will post complaints.

Laurel Didier said that she has lived both south and north of the airport for over 25 years. She is excited to hear that we will move forward with noise monitoring along with the computer projections. She thinks that using both computer projections along with monitors is important. She does not want the airport to go away and she does not want to move but wants the noise situation taken seriously.

Phil Mader is thankful for the progress but is frustrated by the length of time noise abatement is taking. He mentioned the small and cargo planes that are at night when he is trying to sleep.

Jamie said that the airport does not want to make customers feel punished and does not want to deter customers from using our airport. Comments followed from residents that pilots could learn from the noise data and that a survey should be done to collect input from residents.

The next Noise Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 27, 2016.

VII. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Pfeifer
Executive Secretary