

**CHICAGO EXECUTIVE AIRPORT
AIRPORT NOISE COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2020
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: Matthew Dolick, Steve Neff and Richard Rogers. Absent: Ray Lang.

Also in Attendance: Jamie Abbott – Executive Director
 Jennifer Pfeifer - Recording Secretary
 Penny Merritt – C&S Companies

II. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the December 4, 2019 Noise Committee minutes was made by Matthew Dolick and seconded by Richard Rogers. The minutes were approved by a voice vote. Ayes: Matthew Dolick, Steve Neff and Richard Rogers. Absent: Ray Lang.

III. Committee Chair Report

Jamie Abbott said noise complaints were down a bit the last few months probably because of the cold weather, he spoke about the Residential Sound Insulation Program (RSIP) and introduced Penny Merritt.

A. Penny Merritt spoke about the following in her report:

- The Policies and Procedures Manual was submitted to the FAA and she received a few comments.
- She has the comments from the FAA on the Acoustical Testing plan. Jamie will review it and then she will send it back to the FAA.
- She sent out 750 letters to all single and multi-family residents in Wheeling, Prospect Heights and Mount Prospect and has received 99 applications so far.
- She is working with Cody and there will be some minor changes to the website. There will be a button to click for information about the aviation easement.
- The contour map has been updated on the website and it is easier to locate properties.
- She is working with window companies to get samples for residents to see.
- She is working on a newsletter to send out to residents.

Jamie clarified what an aviation easement is.

Steve Neff asked if the avigation easement stays with the home when it is sold and Penny said yes. He also asked if she has encountered any language barrier and she said not yet but she is considering future correspondence be written in both English and Spanish. Jamie spoke about possible skepticism from people and this was discussed. Steve suggested putting the Village or City logos on correspondence. There were comments from the audience that the letter looked like junk mail because they did not recognize C&S Companies and it was addressed to RESIDENT. He asked Penny if she's had any appointments yet and she said no. He asked if the airport provides the office space to here and Jamie said yes. Steve suggested a sign out in front of the office and Penny explained they were waiting for the Industrial Lane project to be completed and spring to arrive to put up a sign. Steve asked if the Korean church is eligible for sound insulation and Jamie explained that the current program is for residential structures only. Steve asked which homes will be in the pilot program and Penny said the homes have not been chosen yet; they will do tests on 30 homes and select ten. She added the noise testing will take about a week.

Richard Rogers asked what criteria was used to send the letters and how many were sent to Mount Prospect addresses. Penny said it was sent to all residents within the 65 dnl and there were eight in Mount Prospect.

IV. New Business

There was no new business.

V. Committee Member Comments

- Richard Rogers said he thinks it is a good idea to keep Runway 6/24 open because it takes some of the noise traffic off the main runway.
- Matthew Dolick said he spoke to the property manager at Quincy Park in order to get an accurate list of names and addresses to Penny of eligible residents. He also shared his recent observation on a day when winds were favoring a runway other than the main runway, all pilots still chose the main runway.
- Steve Neff spoke about runway usage statistics, widening Runway 12/30, the location of the run up pad, signs by the runway pads that are closest to residential areas, the drop in operations in 2019 from 2018, the increase in fuel flowage from 2018 to 2019, leaving Runway 6/24 open for aircraft to use instead of the main runway, the Chairman's comments and landing fees. He also suggested that the Airport give Amazon gift cards to pilots who use a runway other than the main runway. There was a short discussion about this and what other airports have done.

VI. Public Comments

- Rogers Faden, who is with the pilot's association, spoke about Runway 6/24, said piston planes are about 1/3 of operations, studied wind data, and said Runway 6/24 could be used 90% of the time if pilots chose and it would reduce noise.
- Phil Mader said the letter from C&S Companies looked like junk mail and he almost threw it away. He is curious if his application was received. Penny will let him know. He spoke about Runway 6/24 and daily noise from the airport. There was discussion about putting RSIP info in community newsletters.
- Emelia Ritchie suggested the condos just north of the airport be worked on for RSIP first because they are all the same window measurements and they could be completed quickly. She read a list of times during the night that aircraft flew over her residence and spoke about aircraft doing run ups on the 16 pad.

VII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Richard Rogers and seconded by Steve Neff to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by voice vote. Ayes: Matthew Dolick, Steve Neff and Richard Rogers. Absent: Ray Lang. The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Pfeifer
Executive Secretary