



CITY OF PARK RIDGE

MINUTES

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O'HARE AIRPORT COMMISSION

May 26, 2010

7:00 p.m.

Mayor's Conference Room

Commissioners Present: Jennifer Perry, Sue Perschke, Gary Ziols, Sarah Kennedy, Christine Kutt, Jean Dietsch (7:03), Bill Donovan (7:04)
Commissioners Absent: Amy Stewart
Elected Officials Present: Ald. Ryan (7:40)
Staff Present: Steve Cutaia, Building Administrator; Barb Cannon, Sr. Admin. Asst.
Others Present: None

Chairwoman Perry called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (April 28, 2010)

Commissioner Kutt moved to approve the April 28, 2010 minutes. Commissioner Perschke seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

III. ALDERMEN WISHING TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Legal

1. May 17, 2010 special meeting

Four of the commissioners attended the special meeting in which Steve Taber, of Chevalier, Allen and Lichman, introduced his law firm to the City Council. He would not discuss strategy in open session but said he would talk with each alderman individually by phone. Six aldermen agreed to contact him. The aldermen need to be aware of what is going on and what possible strategies we, as a City, can use.

B. Budget

Mayor Schmidt vetoed the Budget. The aldermen overrode the veto by a 5-2 vote. As it stands now, OAC has the money to go forward with its non-legal proposals. The possibility of line item vetoing was discussed.

A round-table discussion was held on whether the Commission would remain a commission. It was determined that the OAC would remain intact for now and work first on getting no-cost solutions approved by the City Council. Within the next four to six weeks, OAC will know if the City Council is serious about supporting its recommendations when you take the money piece out.

The community outreach should be postponed until after summer.

The Mayor should contact other communities such as Elmhurst, Itasca, Schaumburg, Harwood Heights, Edgebrook, and Sauganash. Their residents are upset about the recent airport noise.

OAC wants its webpage up and direction given to staff to start working on it. We need action on inviting legislative candidates. If nothing else, even if there are not many candidates, we could still get a community forum together that would bring about positive things, where people are interested in talking about solutions for communities around O'Hare. All of the landing patterns are over communities and they do not have to be.

We need the injunctive relief opinion from Buzz Hill. The aldermen committed to talking with Steve Taber. We want an answer and want to know what all of their conversations were.

Ald. Ryan believes the legal aspect will be a tough-sell with the City Council. When asked if he had talked with CAL, he responded he had not.

Commissioner Perschke moved for the following action requests to be placed in front of the City Council: We want to request a City Council Resolution to adopt a Unified City Statement Against O'Hare Expansion, the statement that we have outlined tonight. We would like to enrich the City's website O'Hare link. [conversation] Per the webpage attachment that we've recommended, a noise hotline number, elected official addresses and emails, comments and suggestions, community outreach presentation, and the noise mitigation steps to provide relief, the City Statement regarding expansion and other communication and information tools. We also want to request the City put together and leverage this election as a critical time to gain the support of elected officials and candidates on issues surrounding the airport. Mayors and key officials from communities negatively impacted by O'Hare working together as a consortium to encourage candidate participation, scheduling an event to be held where we ask candidates to state their case on topics important to the residents in the community and include five key questions regarding O'Hare. Communities to include: Des Plaines, Itasca, Wood Dale, Elmhurst, Harwood Heights, Norridge, Edison Park, Norwood Park, Sauganash, Schaumburg. Possible candidates are Schakowsky, Pollack, Kirk, Roskam, Bean. [conversation] Held in a neutral location. Attend ONCC meetings and push for implementation of consistent use of fly-quiet and advocate for the following: restated restricted hours; public forum issue; as a bad weather runway; limiting the size and type of aircraft; ceasing or stopping continuation of build-out; advocate for stopping of build-out of the Granville runway; ~~ensuring the two northwest runways are not decommissioned~~; Carpenter School is sound insulated; execute a mandatory fly quiet program and revise procedures to include a more fair and equitable distribution across all runways. And then we'd like to have a report on the legal conversations from the aldermen, the results of their individual conversations with Chevalier, Allen and Lichman. And then the injunctive relief report from City Attorney Hill. Commissioner Kutt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. Community Awareness strategies

As above.

D. Environmental

Chairwoman Perry suggested this is a recommendation in itself. Commissioners Kutt and Perschke had been discussing a 2000 Park Ridge Air Toxin Study. The City spent a huge amount of money to do the study and it was ignored. The FAA was never challenged. It is a very serious report. In some point in the future, we should probably talk about acknowledgement from the City Council that this report exists and probably ten years later, revisiting this, not just insofar as it relates to O'Hare but what about the fact that we all live here.

Commissioner Perschke advised of three things to look at related to environmental: (1) this whole air toxics issue, which is tied directly to the Clean Air Act and what is going on now in Congress related to changes to the Act. Airport emissions are not regulated; (2) potentially a supplemental EIS; and (3) continue pushing on the whole noise issue.

E. Referendum recommendation (suggested language; include amount)

There is no interest in recommending a referendum.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

City Manager Hock has put the possibility of afternoon Commission meetings on the June 7, 2010 City Council agenda.

VII. CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD

None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m. The next two meetings are Wednesday, June 9, and June 23, 2010, at 7 p.m.