

MEETING REGARDING THE PROPOSED
CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL HOSPITAL HELIPORT

**TRANSCRIPT OF
PROCEEDINGS**

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303 East Superior Street, Chicago, Illinois, on the
22nd day of July, A.D. 2009, at 6:00 p.m.

HONORABLE RICHARD E. NEVILLE, HEARING OFFICER.



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1 APPEARANCES:

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3 MADSEN, FARKAS & POWEN, LLC,
4 (20 South Clark Street, Suite 1050,
5 Chicago, Illinois 60603,
6 312-379-3444), by:

7 MR. ALAN FARKAS,
8 appeared on behalf of Children's Memorial
9 Hospital;

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11 DALEY & GEORGE,
12 (20 South Clark Street, Suite 400,
13 Chicago, Illinois 60603,
14 312-726-8797), by:

15 MR. JOHN GEORGE,
16 appeared on behalf of Children's Memorial
17 Hospital;

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19 HINSHAW & CULBERTSON,
20 (100 Park Avenue,
21 Rockford, Illinois 61105,
22 815-490-4900), by:

23 MR. RICHARD PORTER,
24 appeared on behalf of IDOT;



1 APPEARANCES: (Continued)

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3 ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,
4 (2300 South Dirksen Parkway, Room 311,
5 Springfield, Illinois 62703,
6 217-782-0692), by:

7 MS. ELLEN SCHANZLE-HASKINS,

8 appeared on behalf of IDOT.

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1 HEARING OFFICER NEVILLE: Well, my name is
2 Richard Neville. I am the hearing officer for the
3 presentations that are going to be made to IDOT.
4 And I think everybody who is here knows that the
5 issue is a heliport on the yet to be constructed
6 Children's Memorial Hospital.

7 This is not a trial, and I have no
8 authority as a hearing officer to make any findings
9 regarding the issue of whether or not the heliport
10 ought to be allowed. But the purpose of these
11 hearings are for anyone who has an interest in
12 giving information to the Illinois Department of
13 Transportation. This public hearing is the place
14 where the public is allowed to do that. There are
15 some organizations who are here to also make
16 presentations who have attorneys representing their
17 interest, and they are going to make some
18 presentations.

19 And the way we organize this hearing is
20 that tonight Children's Memorial Hospital will make
21 a presentation of its position on that issue, and
22 tomorrow night SOAR will -- the Streeterville
23 organization will make a presentation of its
24 position. Friday and Saturday we have set aside for



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1 any individual who wants to come and make statements
2 regarding this issue to do so.

3 We have one little snafu that -- we
4 originally organized this that there would be in a
5 room up -- near the exit sign on the left side,
6 there is a room up there. Those people who want to
7 make a presentation or make a statement to IDOT, but
8 would prefer not to do it in a public setting, we
9 are going to have a court reporter who will take
10 that testimony, and that will become part of the
11 official record. Anyone who wants to make a
12 statement from the podium, where I am at, will be
13 allowed to do that.

14 But the way it's organized now, the
15 larger organizations are going to get a chance to
16 make their presentations first so that we can
17 coordinate the information that's coming forward.
18 This is not a trial and, therefore, there's no
19 cross-examination. I have already made a ruling
20 earlier, a couple months ago, when we first started
21 talking about organizing this hearing that we are
22 not going to have cross-examination. It's too big a
23 room and too many people to have everybody shouting
24 out questions, and it would be very difficult to



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1 organize, and the record itself would be much less
2 usable unless there's hearing information that IDOT
3 can use. But it doesn't mean that those people who
4 have something to say or people who want to make a
5 comment -- they can do it.

6 Tonight, because the second court
7 reporter -- this lady in the front in the white
8 blouse, that's the court reporter. She takes down
9 everything that's being said. I don't know if she's
10 taking down what I am saying. Yes? So she's taking
11 down everything that's being said, and she will take
12 down everything that everyone says. And she sits
13 over there so she can see the people who are
14 testifying. And if she can't hear something, she's
15 under instructions to say, Speak up, Say it again, I
16 can't hear you, whatever. That's her bailiwick.
17 That's her responsibility. She has the authority to
18 do that.

19 Originally, we -- not originally, but we
20 also have made a decision that those people who
21 represent any political unit -- and we have two --
22 we have a State senator and a State representative
23 who are here, and we are going to start the meeting
24 tonight with their presentations. And I told -- we



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1 made a public announcement about this to -- well, I
2 don't want to say to just political interests. But
3 if people show up and they have a large
4 constituency, we are going to let them interrupt the
5 flow of things and come and make their presentation,
6 and in deference to the fact that there's a lot of
7 people that they speak for. So as soon as I am
8 finished with these opening remarks, then we are
9 going to start with them, and shortly after that
10 Children's Memorial will begin their presentation.

11 So in terms of how the record gets
12 organized, it's going to be a little work of art for
13 awhile, because after these presentations which the
14 attorneys have prepared, we are not quite sure how
15 many people who have said earlier that they would
16 like to make a statement will actually want to come
17 up and make a statement. As I say, if it makes it
18 easier for people to do it outside of the public
19 venue, we have asked the court reporter if she will
20 do double duty tonight; that is, when we take a
21 break, if anyone wants to go over and make a
22 statement to her, she can make that part of the
23 public record tonight. Tomorrow night, Friday
24 night, and Saturday there will be another court



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