

MEETING REGARDING THE PROPOSED
CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL HOSPITAL HELIPORT

**TRANSCRIPT OF
PROCEEDINGS**

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TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS held at 303
East Superior Street, Chicago, Illinois, on the
25th day of July, A.D., 2009, at 12:30 p.m.

BEFORE: HONORABLE RICHARD E. NEVILLE, Hearing
Officer.



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1 APPEARANCES:

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

6 MR. ALAN L. FARKAS,

7 and

8 DALEY AND GEORGE, LTD.,
9 (Two First National Plaza,
10 20 North Clark Street, Suite 400,
11 Chicago, Illinois 60603
12 312-726-8787), by:

13 MR. JOHN J. GEORGE,

14 appeared on behalf of Children's
15 Memorial Hospital;

16 HINSHAW, CULBERTSON, LLP,
17 (100 Park Avenue,
18 Rockford, Illinois 61101,
19 815-490-4900), by:

20 MR. RICHARD PORTER,

21 appeared on behalf of SOAR.

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23 REPORTED BY: PATRICIA ARMSTRONG, CSR, RPR.

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1 (WHEREUPON, a lunch recess was
2 had at 12:00 p.m., after which
3 the meeting resumed at 12:35
4 p.m. as follows:)

5 THE HEARING OFFICER: We are going to get
6 organized again. There are two more witnesses who
7 are going to testify.

8 Ms. Roterling, would you come on down.

9 MS. ROTERING: Hello, my name is Nancy
10 Roterling. I would like to thank the Illinois
11 Department of Transportation for this opportunity
12 to speak.

13 I speak today in several capacities
14 all in full support of the heliport.

15 I am the legislative aide to Karen
16 May, Illinois State Representative for the 58th
17 District in the northern suburbs.

18 Representative May is a member of
19 several committees and serves as vice-chair of the
20 House of Representatives' Health Care Availability
21 and Access Committee. I would like to share with
22 you a brief letter from Representative May in
23 support of the heliport.

24 The letter is dated November 18, 2008



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1 to Mr. Milton Sees, Secretary Illinois Department
2 of Transportation.

3 "Dear Mr. Sees, I am writing to
4 express my strong support at the Ann & Robert H.
5 Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago. The new
6 hospital being built by Children's Memorial
7 Hospital.

8 The heliport is an essential part of
9 Children's Memorial's current and future ability
10 to fulfill its mission of providing medical care
11 for the region's children.

12 For the last 20-plus years,
13 Children's Memorial has transported about 73
14 children a year who are seriously ill or injured
15 to its Lincoln Park location, as well as four to
16 six organs per year for life-saving transplants.
17 These trips made the difference in terms of saving
18 these children's lives with a minimal impact on
19 the neighborhood.

20 I understand that Children's Memorial
21 has undertaken months extensive and unprecedented
22 research to ensure that the new heliport location
23 will allow the hospital to continue its 20-plus
24 year record of safely transporting children and



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1 organs for lifesaving care.

2 The heliport has had a significant
3 positive impact on the lives of countless
4 families, and I encourage the Illinois Department
5 of Transportation to approve this project.

6 Thank you for your time and
7 consideration of this issue. Sincerely, Karen
8 May, State Representative, 58th District, Vice
9 Chair Health Care Availability and Access
10 committee."

11 On a personal side, I have served as
12 a board member of the Children's Memorial
13 Foundation for a number of years, and prior to
14 this role I was a member of Children's Memorial
15 Family Advisory Board, which advises
16 administration and medical leadership on patient
17 needs and hospital priorities from a family
18 perspective.

19 I am also the parent of four boys,
20 ages seven to 14, including one of them with
21 Type 1 diabetes who has been treated his entire
22 life almost at Children's Memorial, and I know
23 firsthand the importance of timely and specialty
24 care for children.



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1 I am also a former resident of
2 Streeterville. I lived at 680 North Lake Shore,
3 222 East Pearson, 210 East Walton and One East
4 Delaware for over 11 years, and I was a member of
5 SOAR during that time.

6 All of my children were born at the
7 old Prentice Hospital, and my parents still live
8 in the neighborhood at 1110 North Lake Shore
9 Drive.

10 I was delighted when I heard the
11 location that Children's Memorial has selected for
12 its new location.

13 The availability of world-class
14 pediatric care is a treasure, and soon it will be
15 available on the medical campus of other world
16 class health care providers.

17 Through all of my roles I have
18 learned much about Children's Memorial and the
19 importance of its mission to provide health care
20 to the region's children.

21 The heliport is critical to
22 fulfilling Children's Memorial's mission and
23 caring for seriously ill children or injured
24 children when a matter of minutes will make the



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1 difference between life and death.

2 I respectfully urge the Illinois
3 Department of Transportation to approve the
4 Children's Memorial heliport and to continue to
5 save the lives of children.

6 Thank you very much.

7 [Applause.]

8 THE HEARING OFFICER: Michelle Mathias.

9 MS. MATHIAS: Good afternoon, everyone.
10 This is my husband, Kevin Mathias, and we are the
11 parents of Lynzie Mathias.

12 We are here to testify in support of
13 the heliport for Children's Memorial Hospital.
14 July 3, 2007 is a date my family will never
15 forget.

16 It is the day that my daughter Lynzie
17 almost lost her life due to a severe bloodstream
18 infection.

19 It was the ability to transfer her by
20 helicopter that ultimately saved her life. Time
21 was of the essence and also the biggest factor
22 that we had against us.

23 We lived in a rural community
24 approximately 50 miles away from Children's



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