

JOINT WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, June 9, 2016

Chicago Executive Airport Board of Directors
City of Prospect Heights City Council
Village of Wheeling Board of Trustees

The Westin Chicago North Shore – Wheeling

I. Open Workshop

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance- Chairman John D. Tourtelot led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll call confirmed the following:

Village of Wheeling: Village Clerk Elaine Simpson took roll call. Trustees Brady, Krueger, Lang, Papantos, Vito and President Argiris were present.
City of Prospect Heights: City Clerk Karen Schulties took roll call. Aldermen Ludvigsen, Messer, Rosenthal, Williamson and Mayor Helmer were present.

Chicago Executive Airport: Recording Secretary Jennifer Pfeifer took roll call. Directors Cloud, Katz, Kearns, Kiefer, Kolssak, and Lang were present.

C. Welcome and Opening Remarks

CEA Chairman John Tourtelot welcomed all in attendance at tonight's meeting. He introduced himself as the new Chairman and thanked everyone for their trust and confidence and for their hard work to make Chicago Executive Airport the premier general aviation airport in Illinois. He then introduced Mayor Helmer from the City of Prospect Heights and President Argiris from the Village of Wheeling.

Mayor Helmer commented that the airport has come from nowhere to being an airport known across the country. He thanked Jamie Abbott, the Board Members and the airport employees for their hard work to make the airport a success. He finalized by welcoming the new Chairman of the Board and new Board Member, Director Kiefer.

President Argiris spoke about how things have changed in the last couple of years that the board is working together with City and the Village. He is proud of this and congratulated Jamie on his leadership and the solid Board of Directors that has pulled it all together.

D. Citizens Comments and Concerns

Chairman Tourtelot introduced each speaker. Phil Mader is a Wheeling resident and stated that he has worked with the board on noise issues for the past two years. He thanked Directors Lang and Katz and Jamie Abbott for their help. He expressed concern that the FAA has too much control over the airport and would like for the board to take more control to alleviate the noise issues.

Laurel Didier spoke about how she has lived near the airport for 26 years. In the last 3 years she believes the frequency, size and noise of aircraft has increased. She believes airport and runway expansion would displace residents and businesses.

Steve Neff made comments about the Master Plan and fuel sales tax revenue collected by the airport. He would like surveys sent to residents about expansion and the impact of the airport.

President Argiris, Village of Wheeling Attorney, Jim Ferolo, and Chicago Executive Airport Attorney, Tom Lester, addressed Mr. Neff's comments about fuel sale tax revenue.

E. Airport Update by Executive Director Jamie Abbott

Chairman Tourtelot turned the meeting over to Jamie Abbott who thanked everyone in attendance and then introduced the Chicago Executive Staff. He gave an airport update which included business trends, gallons of fuel sold, and number of US Customs operations. He then summarized the construction projects and police/fire EMAS airfield training. He thanked Jon Sfondilis at the Village of Wheeling and the City of Prospect Heights for their work on the July 3rd event. He reported on the Noise Committee, the NEM (Noise Exposure Map) update and the 310 departure. He will be meeting with CEPA and FBO's regarding self-serve avgas. The information from those meetings will be presented to the board next month. He gave an outline of CEPA requests versus issues to consider.

F. Airport Master Plan Update Presentation by CMT

Brian Welker outlined CMT's presentation and introduced Craig Loudon, Project Manager. Mr. Loudon summarized what has been completed and what the next steps are. He spoke about data collection, comparison and forecasts. He summarized with projections of jet versus piston traffic and fuel sales.

Jeff Dickinson from SB Friedman then spoke about marketing analysis and development considerations in and around the airport such as hotels, offices, retail establishments, restaurants, FBO's and maintenance facilities.

Brian Welker took questions. Discussion from the Chicago Executive Airport Board of Directors included lack of space on the airport for large maintenance facilities, area corporations and other users that could base at the airport. A facilities review will be done to determine requirements and projected business demand.

Mayor Helmer of Prospect Heights asked for clarification on the 310 departure procedure and asked about plans for additional signage for the airport. Jamie Abbott responded with details.

Comments from Village of Wheeling Trustees followed. Questions were about future runway expansion, the 310 departure procedure, environmental effects of a maintenance facility, the decline of piston aircraft traffic and future possible businesses on airport property.

President Argiris would like to see some areas surrounding the airport cleaned up and more jobs created. Village Manager Sfondilis would like residents to be given construction details.

G. Old Business

There was no old business.

H. New Business

There was no new business.

I. Questions and Comments

J. Closing Comments from City of Prospect Heights Mayor Nick Helmer and Village of Wheeling President Dean Argiris

II. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session

III. Adjournment

A motion was made by Chicago Executive Airport Director Betty Cloud and seconded by Director David Kolssak to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Prospect Heights Alderman Williamson and seconded by Alderman Rosenthal to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Village of Wheeling Trustee Brady and seconded by Trustee Papantos to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Ayes: All. Nays: none.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Neal Katz
Secretary