

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

Westin Hotel North Shore
601 N Milwaukee Avenue
Wheeling, IL 60090
Wednesday, September 21, 2022

Open Workshop – At 7:01 PM, CEA Chairman Court Harris opened the Joint Workshop. Roll call was taken. A quorum was present for Chicago Executive Airport, the City of Prospect Heights and the Village of Wheeling.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Chicago Executive Airport – Airport Operations and Maintenance Supervisor Wolanik, Director of Finance Griffith, Director of Economic Development Sakas, CEA Board Director Saewert, CEA Board, Airport Executive Director Miller, Board Chairman Harris, Administrative Assistant Colht, CEA Board Director Hellyer, CEA Board Director Kiefer, CEA Board Director Berman, Airport Operations Coordinator Mackey, CEA Board Director Lang, attorney Lester.

Penny Merritt of C&S Companies and the Quieter Home Program Manager.

City of Prospect Heights – City Administrator Wade, Acting Mayor/Alderman Ward 5 Dolick, Aldermen – Cameron, Morgan-Adams, Dash, Deputy Clerk Schultheis. (Alderman Ludvigsen absent with prior notification)

Village of Wheeling – President Horcher, Trustee Lang, Trustee Vito, Trustee Papantos, Village Clerk Brady, Village Manager Sfondilis, Village Attorney Ferolo, Trustee Ruffato, Director of Economic Development Ainsworth, Director of Community Development Klicker, Trustee Krueger, Trustee Lang

Welcome/Opening Remarks by Chairman Harris, Mayor Dolick, President Horcher, Airport Board Directors – Chairman Harris honored the memory of the late Mayor Nicholas Helmer.

Mayor Dolick – thanked the Airport for holding the event. He said that it was important that the Airport and the municipalities worked together and shared information.

President Horcher – noted that the airport was an asset to the community. It is an opportunity to work together. He said that the Chicago Executive Airport is a good neighbor.

Citizen Comments and Concerns

Steve Neff – of Wheeling. Said that a jet woke him up at 11:50 PM, 3:45 AM and an hour later. He said that it was the same jet going back and forth. He said that residents bear the brunt of the environmental impact. He qualifies for the RSIP project but is disappointed that the FAA has delayed the Pilot Plan program that would set up flight plans that fly over industrial, non-residential areas. He noted that 90% of RSIP is federal money and he was worried that the program might lose its funding. He was upset that the RSIP program has taken ten years to be put into action.

He noted that the CEA is a reliever airport for O'Hare and O'Hare allows flights all night. He would like to see Part 161 [that is airport noise and access restrictions] restrict flights at night. He suggested that the Airport charge landing fees to itinerant aircraft. He believed that the itinerant aircraft were being allowed to abuse their airport privileges.

Miss Hanson – of Prospect Heights. Thanked the City Council for all of their efforts. She noted the importance of the environmental impact on the community. She said that many pilots do not live in the area and they might not have the same concerns that local residents have about the impact of noise/air pollution their flights created.

She was an advocate of the Natural Resources Commission and their effort to restore the natural habitat in the area. She said that climate change cannot be stopped; it can only be slowed down. She would like to see the Natural Resources Commission offer guidance for the turning the Airport back to a more nature-friendly look.

State of the Airport Presentation by Executive Director Miller –

Said that he has been in the position for ten months.

From 2021 to 2022:

99,000 take offs and landings – Up 6%

7 flight schools

Fuel flowage 8.4 million gallons (up 10%)

Executive Director Miller said that fiscally that Airport is healthy.

CEA won the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report Award – for accounting practices

He said that noise complaints are steady, although there is a jump in December.

He said that there were 609 RSIP applications, and the annual allotment of \$2 million had been spent on the RSIP program

Nine homes have received the RSIP soundproofing, and they are enjoying it.

A consultant has been selected to keep the project continuing. The FAA is committed to the program, and there are bi-weekly meetings with the CEA and FAA.

Rock and Run the Runway were sold out. This year all runners received a medal, and the runners' shirts looked more like a runners' shirt.

The partnership between D214 and Lewis University will now include job shadowing for students.

Ten airport tours have been given by the Airport.

There is a Recognition Program that was created by Chairman Harris – it includes challenge coins.

PROJECTS – The Airport has gotten new security software (YARDI) – that will allow for property management.

- Security improvements (Imperial) – adding more cameras and digital control
- Airfield maintenance – 700 lightbulbs have been replaced, 11,000 sqft has been repainted, and 430 sqyds of asphalt repaired.

There were 64 snow events – which is lower than the previous year.

Atlantic FBO is creating a fuel farm
Signature FBO – purchased parcel 70 for a future hangar

The CEA received the 2022 General Aviation Architectural Project Award for the Customs Building

City Aldermen and Village Trustees: Questions and Comments

Mayor Dolick – said that improving and widening Runway 1230 would make it more attractive to pilots to use. And, since it allows the pilots to fly over an industrial area, it would create less noise issues for residents. Mayor Dolick asked if anything was being done to improve Runway 1230?
Executive Director Miller said that he agreed that widening would improve the runway's use, but said that it is a shorter landing field. He added that widening of the runway was "plugged in" to be a project sometime in the future.

Trustee Papantos asked if it was unusual for the FAA to suspend a Pilot Plan Program?
Executive Director Miller said that it was not unusual for the FAA to scrutinize all the details of the program, but that FAA supports the program. He felt that their diligence was routine.

Trustee Papantos asked how many RSIP phases would there be to add homes to the program?
Executive Director Miller said 21. He said that 85% of the 609 homes that applied qualified. He said that Airport is allotted \$2 million to \$2.5 million up until 2027-28 for RSIP. The CEA spends the money, and then is reimbursed by the Federal government.

Trustee Papantos asked how long the RSIP initiation to completion takes.
Executive Director Miller said that it takes about one year to implement; as data must be tracked. He believed it would be completed between Q2 and Q3, 2023.

Trustee Papantos asked if the 492 Customs operations are comparable to 2021.
Director of Finance Griffith said that we are now actually at 499 operations and that is above pre-pandemic levels.

Trustee Papantos – asked if there was a maximum number of take offs and landings that the Airport could handle?
Executive Director Miller said that they are at about 100,000 now; and that there were 150,000 in 2005/06. He believed that the Airport was nowhere near capacity.

Trustee Papantos said that there was an odor from jet fuel near the Airport.
Executive Director Miller said that there was nothing causing that from the Airport.

President Horcher said that the Village had discovered that there is a Tourism and Festival Grant that could be applied to Rock the Runway. He was sending the link to the CEA and Mayor Dolick.

Alderman Cameron – asked what the Airport's hours of operation were?
Executive Director Miller said that it is a 24/7 operation.

Closing comments from Chairman Harris, Mayor Dolick, President Horcher –
All three thanked the Airport Staff and Board, and the municipalities involved.

Adjournment –

At 7:49 PM, Mayor Dolick asked for a roll call for adjournment from the Prospect Heights Council. There was unanimous approval. Motioned by Alderman Morgan-Adams and seconded by Alderman Cameron

VOICE VOTE: All Ayes, No Nays
Motion carried 4 – 0, Alderman Ludvigsen absent.

Trustee Papantos moved to Adjourn; seconded by Ruffato.

VOICE VOTE: All Ayes, No Nays
Motion carried 4 – 0, Trustees Vito and Vogel absent.

CEA Board Director Hellyer moved to Adjourn; seconded by CEA Board Director Saewert.

VOICE VOTE: All Ayes, No Nays
Motion carried 5 – 0, Director Kearns absent.

Approved by the City Council of Prospect Heights on this the 28th day of September, 2022.



Deputy Clerk Schultheis



Acting Mayor Dolick

