



### **Chicago Executive Airport Joint Meeting Minutes**

**June 1, 2015 7:00 PM**

**Crowne Plaza Hotel**

**Northbrook, IL 60062**

**CALL TO ORDER** – At 7:02 P.M., CEA Chairman McKenzie called the Joint Session Meeting to order at Crowne Plaza Hotel, Northbrook, IL 60062.

#### **ROLL CALL –**

**Village of Wheeling:** Village Clerk Simpson took roll call.

Trustees Brady, Hein, Krueger, Lang, Papantos, Vogel and President Argiris were present. Also present: Village Manager- Jon Sfondilis, Village Attorney – Jim Ferolo

**Chicago Executive Airport:** Recording Secretary Vicki Mayr took roll call.

Chairman McKenzie, Directors Cloud, Kearns, Katz, Kolssak, Pace and Lang were present. Also present: Executive Director – Jamie Abbott, CEO – Charlie Priester, CFO – Scott Campbell, Airport Attorney – Tom Lester.

**City of Prospect Heights** – Deputy City Clerk Schultheis took roll call. Aldermen – Messer, Williamson, Ludvigsen, Rosenthal, Derwin; Mayor Helmer; Director of Building and Zoning Skiber; City Attorney Zimmermann; City Administrator Wade

#### **INTRODUCTIONS –**

President Argiris and Mayor Helmer gave brief introductions of Staff and perspective.

#### **RESIDENT COMMENT –**

Didier (Sunset Drive, Wheeling) – Said that the airport was no longer a silent neighbor. Stated that the airport noise had dropped the value of their home and homes in the area. They are against expanding the runway.

Steve Neff (Wheeling) – Part of CARE - Citizens Against the Runway Expansion. Noted that noise impact needed to be monitored.

Mader (Wheeling) – said that when he complained about the airport noise level, he was told to “take and Ambien and sell his house at a loss.” He did not like the arrogance.

**PHASE I DISCUSSION** – Brian Walker, Brad Hamilton, Jim Kirby, Phil Smithmeyer of Crawford Murphy and Tilly discussed Visioning Report from when the initial investment was made in the airport in 1986. CEA top ten nationally in IFR (Instrument Fly Rules). It was noted that the master plan was driven by what types of uses and what type of planes. It was noted that the CEA is a valued asset with economic return without cost.

The shift has been away from single engine planes and to larger aircraft. Over 50% of the airport demand is due to location. In the last decade \$30 million dollars has been invested

**PHASE II DISCUSSION** – Involves inventory of property and understanding of aviation side from users. There is a desire to covert Industrial lane to aviation use.

There is a need to focus on noise.

There was discussion regarding FAA standardization to better obtain grants that are signed to federal funding. The municipalities must make the decisions. Any projects must include a master plan and a capital plan. – that is federal law.

There were questions regarding additional aircraft adding to noise levels. There were questions as to whether or not there would be flight curfews. Flight curfews would be an issue with the FAA for a federally funded area; meaning that the FAA would be against the curfews.

It was noted that the airport preceded the developments that surrounded it.

Mr. Abbott noted that the pilots are taught FLY QUIET – and that there had been education for the pilots regarding flying over cities and villages.

There were questions about the airport being in a foreign trade zone. It was noted by Mr. Kirby that all of Cook County is in a foreign trade zone as dictated by NAFTA.

It was noted by the Village of Wheeling and City of Prospect Heights, both municipalities wanted to maintain control over decisions that are made. There was concern that citizens and businesses might be displaced

Airport noise profiles need to be discussed, and both municipalities want noise abatement.

All councilmen want to learn more about Phase II and impact studies.

**ROLL CALL TO MOVE ON AND NOT VOTE:**

Approved unanimously by the two municipalities

Village of Wheeling – AYES - Brady, Hein, Krueger, Lang, Papantos, Vogel and President Argiris

No Nays

City of Prospect Heights – AYES – Rosenthal, Williamson, Messer, Ludvigsen, Derwin

No Nays

There was consensus not to call for a vote as subsequent steps are needed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**At 9:22 PM; CEA Commissioner Cloud moved to Adjourn; seconded by CEA Commissioner Kolssak.**

**VOICE VOTE** All Ayes, No Nays

Motion carried 6 - 0



Approved by the Prospect Heights City Council on this, the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015

  
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Nicholas J. Helmer, Mayor

  
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KAREN SCHULTHEIS, DEPUTY CITY CLERK