

**CHICAGO EXECUTIVE AIRPORT
JOINT WORKSHOP
WITH
THE VILLAGE OF WHEELING AND THE CITY OF PROSPECT HEIGHTS
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2008
The Westin Chicago North Shore
601 N. Milwaukee Avenue
Wheeling, IL
8:00 p.m.**

II. Open Workshop

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Chairman of the Board, Allan Engelhardt.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

The Chairman led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call

- ➔ Roll call for the Village of Wheeling confirmed the following present: President Argiris, Trustees Abruscato, Heer and Brady, Village Clerk Simpson. Absent: Trustees Michael Horcher and Patrick Horcher.
- ➔ Roll call for the City of Prospect Heights confirmed the following present: Mayor Ludvigsen, Aldermen Higgins, Hamen and Vole, City Clerk Kearns and City Treasurer Tibbets. Absent: Aldermen Styler and Armbruster.
- ➔ Roll call for Chicago Executive Airport confirmed the following present: Chairman Englehardt, Directors Mendez, Arrigoni, Rooney, Widmer. Absent: Directors Kolssak and Ahlstedt.

Also in Attendance: Dennis Rouleau- Airport Manager, Jamie Abbott- Assistant Airport Manager, Tom Lester- Airport Attorney and Kathleen Pradd- Recording Secretary

C. Welcome / Opening Remarks

The Chairman of the Board, Allan Englehardt welcomed everyone for attending this evening's meeting. He began by discussing current affairs and the recent presidential election of Barack Obama. The "new birth of freedom" will coincide with the 200 year birth of Abraham Lincoln born February, 1809. He discussed the "House Divided Speech" given by Lincoln on June 16, 1858. As time went on, President Lincoln was elected and then shots were fired on Fort Sumpter on April 12, 1861 which was officially the beginning of the civil war. He recited the Gettysburg Address to demonstrate the expectation of a new spirit of cooperation. He then compared that to the improvement within the communities and the Airport of a new spirit of cooperation during this past year. The following list of projects and improvements were discussed:

- Safety Improvements – New Blast Fence
- EMAS as a priority project will greatly improve safety
- Two new land leases with Sovereign Aviation and Brigadoon Aviation will open Airport to everyone- for Airport Staff and all citizens in the surrounding communities
- Viewing Area with audio system in the southeast quadrant
- ACE –Aviation Career Expo
- Civil Air Patrol has been relocated within the Airport
- 94th Aero Squadron Restaurant has re-opened with improvements and will have a new sign

Village President Argiris asked for a moment of silence for Ralph Shepstone, former Board member of Chicago Executive Airport who recently passed away and spoke about his memories of him, his wisdom, humor and the many people whose lives he touched.

E. Changes to the Agenda

Item D- presentation of a guest speaker has been deleted

F. Airport Updates

Dennis Rouleau, Airport Manager reported on the following:

- ➔ Ralph Shepstone- A presentation honoring Ralph Shepstone showing the many photos of him from Airport functions and spoke of his dedication for our Airport and their close friendship, the admiration he had for him and shared some anecdotes of their times together. He announced the arrangements made by his family for a Remembrance Celebration in his honor.
- ➔ Property Taxes – The Airport Manager gave an update on the significant increase in property taxes affecting Airport properties and the impact that it has had on new T-Hangar construction. In addition there's already been a loss of tenants as a result and the potential loss of tenants in the future. This issue has become the number one priority for the Airport. The Airport has lobbyists and lawyers working on trying to resolve this problem.
- ➔ Project Updates at the Airport- Include Brigadoon Aviation and Sovereign Aviation environmental assessments, Hangar One historical landmark status, environmental issues resulting from old fuel tank at the southeast quadrant and removal of old diesel fuel tank and 94th Aero Squadron sign.
- ➔ T-Hangar construction- Due to escalating construction costs that would result in higher lease rates, the project has been put on hold. A Letter of Interest will be going out to private developers who have expressed an interest in developing the property.
- ➔ Master Plan- Work on a Master plan has been in progress for over a year, which includes the EMAS project. The Airport Manager and

Chairman had a very successful meeting with the FAA and they recognize the importance of EMAS for the Airport and are willing to work with us to make it happen.

- Personnel – Todd Gressick, our Operations Coordinator will be leaving on December 12, 2008. He's accepted a position at Tahoe Airport.
- Taxiway Lima Project- Lima Project phase II will connect to runway 24 and create more infrastructure for T-Hangars. Project is ready to go when stimulus package money is released from the state on the current letting schedule. It is also considered an RSAT (Runway Safety Action Team) improvement that would complete that project list that was initiated 4 years ago.
- Echo Extension- A resolution for approval by the board for engineering fees is on the Airport Board Meeting Agenda for tomorrow night. If passed this project will also be ready to be presented to the state for stimulus package funds. This will create more infrastructure on the Airfield as well.
- TIPS Program- Included in the TIPS program is reimbursement for the Montessori School
- Part 150 Study – is at the FAA being reviewed. When approved the Airport will ask for funding to begin that project.
- RSA reimbursement- Highest priority is getting reimbursement for the purchase of the RSA property.
- TSA Security- issued a large aircraft security program for general aviation airports.
- Economy- in spite of poor economy the Airport has positive things such as lower fuel prices resulting in larger fuel sales and budget reserves are stable.

There was continued discussion on T-Hangar construction requirements for design and build construction versus standard construction. A request was made by the communities to submit a report to them comparing our construction costs on the southwest T's and other T-Hangars around the country with the construction costs for new t-hangars with all the additional requirements.

G. Old Business

1) Continued discussion of the IGA

A document titled "A Comparison of Most Recent Positions Regarding Potential Amendment to Chicago Executive IGA" prepared by Mike Zimmermann, Attorney for the City of Prospect Heights with input from Jim Ferolo, Attorney for the Village of Wheeling, was presented to both communities for the purpose of discussion. President Argiris pointed out that the only difference in positions between the two communities was item 2. "Manager eligibility for CEA BOD". Prospect Heights position is that managers should not be eligible to sit on the Airport Board and the

Village of Wheeling disagrees. Mayor Ludvigsen feels that having a manager on the Airport board puts the Airport manager in the difficult position of having to answer to a manager being a higher authority rather than have a discussion with a board member who is a resident or an elected member. President Argiris commented that given the current cooperation between the communities and the progress being made at the Airport, he doesn't think a change is necessary. He feels it is the choice of the municipalities to decide who sits on the board. After the subject was opened for discussion by members of both communities, item no. 2 was not resolved and no changes will be made at this time.

In closing, President Argiris commented that a "thank you" and "good job" go a long way. The goal for 2009 should be to never lose sight of that.

III. Adjournment

A motion was made by Village of Wheeling President Argiris and seconded by Trustee Brady to adjourn the meeting. A motion to adjourn was also made by City of Prospect Heights Alderman Hamen and seconded by Alderman Higgins. The CEA Board unanimously approved to adjourn by a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Darlene Ahlstedt
Secretary