

SISTER CITIES COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 15, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chairman Hiss

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Chairperson, Mike Hiss, Marilyn Bill, Lucas Hawley, JoAnne Dykhuizen, Jim Muller

Members Absent: Diane Przybylski, Jeannie Kirshbaum, George Rohde, Roxane DeVos Tyssen

Commission Secretary

Barbara Bennett

Staff Liaison

David Niemeyer, Antonia Steinmiller (arrived at 7:42)

Guests: Elyse Maloney, Wally Wasel, Michael Paus

Additions/Revisions to Agenda:

The agenda was reviewed and additions/revisions were made by Chairman Hiss.

Addition to New Business/Correspondence:

- Letter from Nowy Sacz Partner Town
- Letter from Erich Spamer
- Letter from student asking for internship

Motion was made by Commissioner Muller, seconded by Commissioner Bill to accept the three Letter Additions/Revisions to the 2/15/17 agenda. Vote by voice. Chairman Hiss declared the motion carried.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

- a. November 16, 2016 correction to spelling of Commissioner JoAnne Dykhuizen and Liaison Antonia Steinmiller.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hawley, seconded by Commissioner Muller to correct the spelling of Commissioner JoAnne Dykhuizen and Liaison Antonia Steinmiller on the November 16, 2016 Sister Cities meeting minutes. Vote by voice. Chairman Hiss declared the motion carried

Motion was made by Commissioner Muller, seconded by Commissioner Dykhuizen to accept the corrected minutes of the November 16, 2016 Sister Cities minutes. Vote by voice. Chairman Hiss declared the motion carried.

- b. January 18, 2017 correction to spelling of Commissioner JoAnne Dykhuizen and Liaison Antonia Steinmiller.

Motion was made by Commissioner Muller, seconded by Commissioner Dykhuizen to correct the spelling of Commissioner JoAnne Dykhuizen and Liaison Antonia Steinmiller on the January 18, 2017 Sister Cities meeting minutes. Vote by voice. Chairman Hiss declared the motion carried

Motion was made by Commissioner Dykhuizen, seconded by Commissioner Muller to accept the corrected minutes of the January 18, 2017 Sister Cities minutes. Vote by voice. Chairman Hiss declared the motion carried.

- c. January 21, 2017 correction to spelling of Commissioner JoAnne Dykhuizen and Liaison Antonia Steinmiller. Correction of the date. Correction to add last names.

Motion was made by Commissioner Bill, seconded by Commissioner Muller to correct the spelling of Commissioner JoAnne Dykhuizen and Liaison Antonia Steinmiller, correct the date on the January 21, 2017 and add last names to Sister Cities meeting minutes. Vote by voice. Chairman Hiss declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Bill, seconded by Commissioner Hawley to accept the corrected minutes of the January 21, 2017 Sister Cities minutes. Vote by voice. Chairman Hiss declared the motion carried.

Updates on Current Open Business

- a. Budingen Skype Conference – Chairman Hiss noted the Skype Conference was held on January 21, 2017 and it was very successful. The conference took approximately 1 ½ hours. The Commission has reestablished a good relationship and good rapport with our Sister City and we plan on continuing that going forward. Commissioner Bill also agreed that the call was great. All got the opportunity to voice their opinions and ideas. Edda did a great job doing translations on their end. Chairman Hiss asked for additional dates to do other Skype calls possibly inviting the public to attend. Commissioner Dykhuizen stated she would like to Skype in on one their meetings. Chairman Hiss stated they meet on Mondays during the day at noon Central time and asked if anyone had Mondays available. Chairman Hiss stated he would contact them and find 3 dates that might work. He also asked what dates would be good on Saturdays that would work for them to have a joint Skype meeting.
- b. Cultural Exchange Program – Chairman Hiss is still waiting to hear back from the Attorney to see what would be allowed on sending music. He wanted to make sure that the Commission is still on board with this exchange. Chairman Hiss asked the guest, Mr. Paus if he knew a band that would be a Tinley Park Band and would be willing to allow the Commission to send their music over to Budingen. Guest, Mr., Paus stated he did know of a band that might be interested and would contact them and let the Commission

know. Chairman Hiss stated he also wanted artwork that could be sent over depicting Tinley Park artists and artwork. Commissioner Dykhuizen stated the Painted Turtle is local art studio that has artwork done by people with disabilities. She will contact them to see if they would be interested in sending artwork to Budingen. She also suggested going to the local schools to talk to the bands about a music exchange. Commissioner Bill stated it would be good to put some of the music on the TV station.

- c. Budingen Delegation – Chairman Hiss asked who was interested in going to Budingen. Commissioner Hawley is interested but not sure on the availability of the date. Chairman Hiss will check with Dave Niemeyer and Trustee Suggs as they had mentioned in the past that they may be interested.
- d. TPSC Artwork Collection – Commissioner Bill has taken measurements of artwork in the vault and has spoken to the Library. She will bring up to 12 pieces for display to the Library; the dates will be in April and May depending on the availability of the Library.

Motion was made by Commissioner Muller, seconded by Commissioner Dykhuizen to bring up to 12 pieces of artwork of Tinley Park by Tinley Park artists to the Library for display in April or May. Vote by voice. Chairman Hiss declared the motion carried.

- e. Discover Tinley – Chairman Hiss asked for times that the Commissioners would be available to sit at the table at Discover Tinley on Saturday, April 8, between the hours of 10 to 3. There will be 2 shifts 10 to 12:30 and 12:30 to 3:00. He will send out a sign-up sheet. He noted there will be a display on the table. Roxane is preparing pamphlets.

New Business

Additions to New Business/Correspondence:

- Letter from Nowy Sacz Partner Town – Letter was received by the Mayor from this city in Poland that seems to think they are a Sister City with us. At this time they are not our Sister City, but they want to be. Chairman Hiss asked if the Commission would like him to work with the Liaisons and contact them to get more information and find out if they would like to become one of our partner towns.
- Letter from student asking for internship – 10/7/17 to 10/21/17 - Student would like to come here and has lined up a host family. He is looking for an apprenticeship or a job shadow situation. Chairman Hiss will try to get more information from him and speak with staff to see if this will be possible.
- Letter from Budingen thanking the Commission for gifts that were sent.

Receive Comments from the Public:

- Michael Paus stated he wanted to let Chairman Hiss know that he is a model example of a Chairman and the Agenda was done very well and easy to follow. He would like to see all other Commissions follow his example.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Commissioner Dykhuizen, seconded by Commissioner Hawley to adjourn the February 15, 2017 Sister Cities meeting. Vote by voice. Chairman Hiss declared the meeting adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

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