
MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY RESOURCES COMMISSION
November 8, 2017
7:30 p.m.
Vogt Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Community Resources Commission was called to order by Reta Brudd at 7:32 p.m. in the Kallsen Center.

ROLL CALL

Present and responding to roll call were the following:

Chairperson: Reta Brudd
Members: Don Budny
Ron Centanni
Mike Cutrano
Logan Enright
Deb Melchert
Mike Sevier
Al Siegers
Barbara Rose Whalen
Denise Maly-Politano, Commission Secretary
Sue Pall, Staff Liaison

Absent: Janet Czuchra
John Carey, Assoc. Member
Brian H. Younker, Village Trustee

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion was made by **Don Budny**, seconded by **Deb Melchert**, to approve the agenda as submitted. All in favor.

MINUTES

Motion was made by **Don Budny**, seconded by **Barbara Rose Whalen** to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2017 meeting as submitted. Minutes approved by voice vote.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

OLD AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Studio

Reta Brudd the Studio is rolling along. Nothing new to add at this point.

Scholarships

Reta Brudd stated we will not be having scholarships this year. Public money cannot be used for an individual person. No village or municipalities give them out. A township can. However, they are more than willing to work out a 501(3). It cannot be done fast enough. No guarantees as to what we would have. Looking into setting up a 501(c) (3) to get back into that but at this point there will be no scholarships.

Deb Melchert asked is there is a way the village can vote on it. How can Illinois tell a village how to use their money?

Reta Brudd said no, it is a state code. It the Public Purpose Doctrine of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution under which we operate. The village attorney caught it back in May at the last scholarship presentation. If anyone is interested in working on a committee to work on getting this 501 set up, let her know. We could expand to more than one year, meaning sophomores or juniors can reapply. Would not be only for seniors. It would be open to anyone – a mother returning to school to get a degree.

Don Budny asked how that law reads in regards to how public monies are being used for things like this.

Reta Brudd stated she does not have a full copy of it, only part of it.

Al Siegers stated that it is how Tinley Wish is set up. Reta Brudd agreed.

Don Budny wants to see how the case law stipulates in regards to the public interest. For example, cameras not benefitting everyone in the village.

Reta Brudd used the example of Boo Bash not benefitting everyone but it does not benefit one person, such as the money going towards one person's costume. They are not going to change it. We are very fortunate that we were able to give out 84 scholarships over the period of time. Hopefully with the 501 we will be able to reestablish that. This is also a deduction for them. Have an attorney we work with, have engineers we work with. Doesn't take public money, it would be a write off against the village if we have a 501(3) (c) charitable contribution. **Reta Brudd** stated the village cannot make a donation to a charity. Not use the general funds, which is where it is coming from.

Logan Enright asked what other funds it could come from.

Reta Brudd explained if you hold an event and charge an admission that would be general funds. For example, if we charged admission to Discover Tinley, which is not an option, that would be money that could be used. We would have support from letters and marketing going out, how it would be set up and what we can legally do. It has to be a public donation going through the village. Such as a donation to the village fireworks, if they even do that anymore. **Don Budny, Deb Melchert** and **Logan Enright** volunteered to work on the committee. Reta will set up a meeting after the holidays. Thinks we need to keep it to graduating seniors.

Logan Enright asked how many we have been giving out. **Reta Brudd** stated that it has been in recent years increased to eight.

New Business

Reta Brudd reported that we have Christmas wreaths. Unfortunately, can't go through Big John's because the order has to be put in in August. Now went with Ted's. **Deb Melchert** explained that Big John's didn't know until he went back to his supplier for an order.

Deb Melchert stated that we are getting 24 inch Balsam Firs. **Reta Brudd** found bows at the Dollar Store, which we will put on ourselves. **Sue Pall** stated that we have 72 bows because it was sold in cases. Wreaths are \$11.70 each and then the bow for \$1.00 for \$12.70 total.

Ron Centanni asked what we are selling them for.

Reta Brudd and **Logan Enright** thought \$25.00 would be the price.

Deb Melchert stated that we also have pine cones to put on the wreath. She also asked if there will be any village product left to sell.

Sue Pall stated there is some product left, but very limited. There will be charge card capabilities for purchases. She will make a larger sign for credit cards. **Sue Pall** stated the Christmas Market will again be in the same two heated tents, same size as last year, 200x40 and 30x90. For Santa we have a 10x10 with table and chairs, also flyers to give out for Historical Society, same Santa and Mrs. Claus as last year. Saturday Santa arrives on the bucket truck and on Sunday the carriage ride. Photos by Rick for the pictures. Candy canes will be given out. Presenting sponsor is Massage Envy. Toyland Parade again but we will be using the street area on 175th to line up because the Viking Lodge is not available.

Reta Brudd asked if we can use St. George, a room where the kids can stay in with a bathroom. **Don Budny** will find out.

Al Siegers found a clear plastic box for those that want to make a monetary donation. This will keep the money dry. **Reta Brudd** thinks we should have a sign stating that donations are for the Tinley Park Food Pantry if you did not bring canned goods to donate.

Deb Melchert stated that there will be a small glass jar on the table for donations in the tent. There is also the ammo can at the Battlefield cross booth for donations.

Sue Pall stated that stage entertainment is Central Middle School and TPHS Jazz Band on Friday night, Saturday Dave Rudolph and KinderCare Carolers on Saturday, and the Tinley Park Community Bank, and senior hours from 4-6 p.m. with discounts and entertainment by the Legacy Girls, now known as Sweet Reminder. Half of our vendors are committed to giving a senior discount. Bonnie Noonan, Andrew Band and Choir, a dance group, and Kirby School band and choir on Sunday. Kids' activities will be cookies, giant chair, kid vendors, ceramics, and letters to the soldiers. The tent is going up on Wednesday so CRC can set up at any time on Thursday. Wreaths will also be picked up on Thursday. **Reta Brudd** was concerned with

wreath storage as if the tent is too warm the wreaths will lose a lot of needles. Might leave the wreaths in the van for storage.

Al Siegers demonstrated how the wreaths will be hung up in the tent. He found hooks in 3 different lengths. With the white sidewall on the side of the tent the wreaths should stand out pretty good.

Deb Melchert asked if wreaths sell well Friday and Saturday if we would be able to get more. **Sue Pall** will ask.

Sue Pall stated some of the food and beverages vendors this year will be: American Legion, Village Pizza, Sweet Pea Gluten Free, Ashford House, Lucky Hot Dogs, Kernel Sweet Tooth, Canine Cookies, and Grandma's Goodies. Carriage rides from Forestview with TPHS helping out, a ride that looks like a train around the parking lot. Campfire s'mores, ice carving, tree lighting. Stage in same place with blimp screen. Trim-a-tree happening again and already sold out.

Reta Brudd stated that we need someone to meet us at Public Works to pack up all the stuff. Don't need all the shelving units. We need small wooden shelf for the table, table coverings and lights. We need to get a couple of new strands of LEDs.

Mike Cutrano asked what time to meet on Thursday.

Reta Brudd stated Thursday meet at 9:00 a.m. at the PW garage to pack up. Thursday set up at 6:30, Friday the market is open 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. We also will need to set up Santa's chair in the train station. We will set up about 7:00, after the tree lighting. Saturday hours are 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. (everyone needs to report at 10:30 a.m., tickets will stop at 4:30) and Sunday 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. (everyone needs to report at 11:30 as there will be no set up that day). This year we have **Logan Enright** as an elf. **Logan Enright** stated that his younger brother will also help.

Deb Melchert stated that we have 2 Marines, a female gunnery Sargent on Saturday. No one will be there on Sunday.

Don Budny made reservations at Gatto's for 18 people on Saturday night after the market.

Barbara Rose Whalen asked when she should bring the Beanie Babies. **Reta Brudd** stated Friday at 4:00 to unload and park before the parking lot closes.

Reta Brudd reminded everyone to wear Santa hats, red coats, red or blue sweaters. Dress warm.

Discovery Tinley

Reta Brudd asked everyone to review the letter and application as the packet needs to go to print. Price will stay the same. **Logan Enright** asked about political groups. **Reta Brudd** explained that political groups are not allowed. They can be outside but does not think there will be any this year. Asked how many copies we need to have.

Denise Maly-Politano stated we always seem to have a lot of extras. We also have a lot of duplicates between the different label lists.

Sue Pall stated there was 1500 copies and 500 food. Copying was done in-house and will be done again this year.

Reta Brudd does not think it is feasible to have the copies done in house but someone is insisting we do so. **Al Siegers** would like to see the copies done professionally. We won't print all unless needed. We will hold onto and keep the extra supply.

Deb Melchert would like to see a larger train display with the LGB (Lehman Gross Bahn) group to attend with their display.

Don Budny asked if the convention center has any wheelchair availability for those that need it. **Reta Brudd** stated they have one wheelchair. If they need one they should have their own.

Deb Melchert asked is everyone received her email with the LGB trains. The videos and pictures were taken at the show at Richards H.S. in Oak Lawn. They were very interested in coming and it would be discussed at their upcoming board meeting. **Reta Brudd** stated that **Deb Melchert** needs to make sure they are aware it is carpeting on the floor. **Ron Centanni** stated there is another group from Orland Hills that has a better scenery set up.

Denise Maly-Politano asked if the hours were the same. **Reta Brudd** said it will remain 10-3. **Al Siegers** agreed that if we close earlier, vendors leave earlier so keep it the same.

Good of the Order

Reta Brudd stated that the commissioner holiday party is December 14th at the convention center. Invitations will be coming out and this year it will be the commissioner plus one.

Mike Sevier stated that he has a new email address that everyone should now use as his old one is no longer valid.

Reta Brudd reminded everyone to not use "reply all" on emails as it is a violation.

Comments from the Public

No public, no comments.

Adjournment

There being no other business, a motion was made by Barbara **Rose Whalen**, seconded by **Don Budny** to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.