
MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY RESOURCES COMMISSION
December 13, 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 8:25 p.m. in the Kallsen Center. Meeting start time delayed due to the preparation of the Discover Tinley mailing.

ROLL CALL

Present and responding to roll call were the following:

Chairperson: Reta Brudd
Members: Don Budny
Ron Centanni
Mike Cutrano
Janet Czuchra
Logan Enright
Deb Melchert
Mike Sevier
Al Siegers
Denise Maly-Politano, Commission Secretary
Brian H. Younker, Village Trustee

Absent: John Carey, Assoc. Member
Barbara Rose Whalen

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion was made by **Deb Melchert**, seconded by **Mike Cutrano** to approve the minutes of the November 8, 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. The cameras are getting a lot of use and you need to be very careful moving them. Also stated that we need to get “feet” for the cameras. **Mike Cutrano** will purchase “feet”. **Reta Brudd** also reported the Studio filmed all of the Christmas market and the show will air during January. Film needs to be

edited down to 30 minutes and there were five people out taping. **Reta Brudd** also wanted to thank the Chamber. The Chamber presented all Studio volunteers with gift cards.

Scholarships

Reta Brudd stated we will not be having scholarships this year. Looking into setting up a 501(c) (3) to get back into that but at this point there will be no scholarships. She asked **Brian Younker** to look into obtaining sponsors for setting up the 501(c) (3). **Brian Younker** asked what the dollar amount was. **Reta Brudd** responded it was for \$8,000.00. We would like to see the scholarships continue. Thinks the request needs to come from the board and not the CRC. Hope to have something in place by next September so that it can continue. Open to any suggestions and willing to work on the committee.

Christmas Market

Reta Brudd reported that this was one of the nicest markets, weather wise. The Christmas wreaths did not sell. No complaints, tried the wreaths and it didn't work. Everyone seemed to be overly generous.

Janet Czuchra stated that one gentleman said we have improved every year and they come back every year. We had a big turnout.

Reta Brudd stated that we did 786 pictures.

Denise Maly-Politano did not think the booth was as busy as in past years. It seemed like people stayed outside as it did not seem like people were in the tent shopping around.

Ron Centanni thought everyone was very nice this year. Need a megaphone so as not to yell out the numbers and lose our voices. Janet standing at the door telling us when to send people in worked out beautiful.

Don Budny thought it went great, liked the number system and had no complaints from anyone.

Al Siegers stated that everybody had plenty to do and the whole commission helped out. Asked how Together We Cope did and if there were a lot of toys donated.

Reta Brudd did not know how Together We Cope turned out but stated that \$356.12 was collected for the food pantry in cash and seven bins of food. The plastic boxes made by Al Siegers for collecting money worked out very well.

Mike Cutrano thinks the sign for the merchandise needs to be much bigger as it was hard to see and you could not read the numbers. Everything else went well.

Al Siegers agreed that he also could not read the price list when walking by.

Reta Brudd stated that we are officially out of shopping bags and will need more.

Mike Sevier stated that on Saturday we were done giving out tickets at 4:20 and towards the end there was nobody around. Impressed that we actually had 786 pictures. Really must have done something right. People still are not sure where the numbers are being displayed at. Also need a sign directing where restrooms are located.

Logan Enright felt like there were many more people than last year. There was congestion in front of Mrs. Claus.

Reta Brudd stated that part of the congestion was due to the coffee line. People loved the fancy coffees and hot chocolates.

Deb Melchert suggested that regardless of who might be in the train station next year, we might want to rope that section off. Over the three days, including the wreaths, there was \$532.00 sold in product, \$280.00 sold in animals/Beanie Babies, \$650.05 donated into the box and the ammo can for a total of \$930.05 donation to the wounded warriors. Saturday we collected the least. As everyone knows, if we have someone at the Battlefield Cross in uniform, people open their wallets and give more.

Reta Brudd said we will invite Riley to join us and it needs to be done publically so that people know where their money goes. Maybe present at a board meeting or something so we can be there with check in hand.

Deb Melchert knows the Marines have hummers and different vehicles and we need to do this early as the vehicles get reserved early. Suggested having the Marines bring in Santa and Mrs. Claus on one of the Marine vehicles. Asked **Brian Younker** if there is any reason why we do not an ATM at the train station. It is more convenient if it is right there in the train station. Wondering why that train station never had one when 80th Avenue train station does.

Ron Centanni will check it out when he goes to 80th Avenue next week.

Reta Brudd thinks that if there is going to be changes made to Oak Park Avenue station that an ATM should be part of the changes.

Deb Melchert stated that nowhere on the pamphlet are the hours for the market. It only lists the entertainment and the times. Porta potties need a light truck so that you can see in the porta potty. Might be something for Public Works to consider for next year as the single spotlights do not give off enough light to see inside. Also, we have signs stating no alcohol, pets, firearms, etc. but no one enforcing the signs. We have the high school kids at the doors handing out flyers but they cannot be given the responsibility.

Reta Brudd stated that someone came into the station with a glass of beer. The last thing we need is a beer spilled on Santa. Need to have the cops enforcing. Somewhere along the line we are losing a little bit of communication.

Deb Melchert stated we had a lot of requests for the PJ pants. It would also be nice to have some sort of a patriotic shirt. Those sell very well and we have not had one of those for many years.

Reta Brudd stated that a huge number of people come out that are not from Tinley Park and do not want clothing limited to Tinley. Need something more generic to sell.

Deb Melchert thinks we should sell fruit snacks. The best thing they did this year was have the hot dog vendor and the kids loved it.

Reta Brudd thinks it could be a health issue.

Brian Younker thinks CRC could sell fruit snacks since they are individually packaged. Also inquired as to following up with the vendors to see what they thought of the market and how well they did.

Reta Brudd said Sue Pall and Donna Framke's department will do a follow-up to the vendors.

Deb Melchert stated that we have a blank canvas on one whole side of the tent. It would be nice to have a star shower on the south side of the tent to brighten up the south side. Lastly, a lot of people are there before we open due to the Polar Express coming in early and think we should open earlier. Try to coordinate the hours with the Polar Express to accommodate those people that want to come in.

Reta Brudd stated they are already considering 11 to 5 on both days. They would tie into us and the market would not go until 6:00 p.m. Thinks hours might be changed next year as it is really dead between 5 and 6. Parades would stay the same. Does not mean that we need to bring in Santa any earlier. It will be up to us if they make that move.

Deb Melchert stated that there were special senior hours but no one knew about the senior hours. If they are trying to draw seniors in it might be something they might want to advertise more beforehand.

Denise Maly-Politano stated that it was up to the vendors to participate but they were not all having a discount.

Reta Brudd thanked **Brian Younker** for mentioning the CRC at the board meeting and stating that CRC was out there all three days helping out.

Al Siegers suggested getting a new Santa rug as the current one is pretty beat up.

Reta Brudd stated that we have one but it needs to be bound.

Ron Centanni asked why Mrs. Claus did not give out the candy canes.

Al Siegers explained it kept the line moving along and that gave the kids a chance to visit with Mrs. Claus. **Reta Brudd** explained that many of the children are afraid of Santa but not Mrs. Claus and will stop to visit her instead.

Discovery Tinley

Reta Brudd stated that January meeting will mainly be Discover Tinley.

Denise Maly-Politano stated the balloon guy wants \$500.00 for the day for the five hours. Reta Brudd suggested asking him if he would agree to \$400.00.

Mike Sevier will ask his granddaughter about her availability.

New Business

Youth in Government is in February.

Good of the Order

Reta Brudd reminded everyone about the party tomorrow evening.

Comments from the Public

No public, no comments.

Adjournment

There being no other business, a motion was made by **Deb Melchert**, seconded by **Janet Czuchra** to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

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