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## MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY RESOURCES COMMISSION

January 9, 2019

7:30 p.m.

Kallsen Center Conference Room

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Community Resources Commission was called to order by **Reta Brudd** at 7:30 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

Present and responding to roll call were the following:

Members:      Chairperson: Reta Brudd  
Don Budny  
Ron Centanni  
Joe DeNova, Associate Member (late arrival)  
Garrett Gray, Associate Member  
Deb Melchert  
Al Siegers  
Mike Sevier  
Donna Framke, Village Liaison  
Denise Maly-Politano, Commission Secretary

Absent:        Mike Cutrano  
Janet Czuchra  
Barbara Rose Whalen  
Brian H. Younker, Village Trustee

### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by **Don Budny**, seconded by **Ron Centanni**, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

### MINUTES

Motion made by **Don Budny**, seconded by **Garrett Gray** to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2018 meeting. Motion to approve the minutes as submitted approved by voice vote, motion carried.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you letter received from the Tinley Park Food Pantry for partnering with them and collecting money and food at the holiday market.

### OLD AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### Studio

**Reta Brudd** reported the Studio is moving right along. Nothing new to add.

**Discover Tinley – April 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Reta Brudd** asked **Donna Framke** where we are at on the contract.

**Donna Framke** stated that Vicki checked into Meteorologist Madness display for \$400.00. Two meteorologists would have an interactive, ongoing display for the kids. **Al Siegers** stated they can set up the night before if that is easier. Al also asked if it is an ongoing display or set hours for shows. **Donna Framke** stated that it is ongoing and continuous. We also have Ted's Greenhouse for demonstrations. Donna asked if we are having a cooking demo. **Reta Brudd** thought Ted's and cooking could share the same spot.

**Al Siegers** is thinking of creating some islands in the rows to showcase the special attractions and get people to go through the aisles. **Donna Framke** thought it was a good idea to showcase some of our village restaurants. **Al Siegers** stated that if the convention center is ok with it then have cooking demos. Restaurant discussion followed: **Ron Centanni** suggested Tin Fish; **Don Budny** suggested a Chinese restaurant; Primal Cut was suggested; **Garrett Gray** suggested a vegan cooking demo. **Reta Brudd** would like to have an overload of activities rather than not enough.

**Reta Brudd** stated the mailing was finished, extra copies were made and envelopes mailed thanks to Denise Maly-Politano.

**Donna Framke** suggested inviting the kindness rocks and have kids paint the rocks. **Reta Brudd** thinks she needs to have a space that will not block the row because it is quite popular.

**Donna Framke** inquired about Midwest Garrison. Denise Maly-Politano contacted them and they responded but they did not guarantee a showing and will not until it get closer to the date. **Garrett Gray** will try to contact them and see if he can get any more information. Denise also stated she contacted Little Obie, who was suggested by **Al Siegers**, and they will also let us know closer to the date, usually 30 days before.

Denise Maly-Politano reported on the entertainment. Confirmed District 146 choral, TNT Dance, Fun, Fun, Fun DJ, and Mr. D's Magic Show. **Reta Brudd** thought we did not need any more acts on stage especially with all of the other fun things going on. **Donna Framke** asked about inviting District 140 and thought we should ask them as a courtesy.

**Garrett Gray** suggested a caricature artist. **Reta Brudd** stated we had that before and it did not work out well, thought people do not want to sit that long.

**Deb Melchert** suggested the inflatable Bull's Eye that comes to the Farmer's Market.

**Ron Centanni** suggested the Oscar Meyer Weiner mobile.

[Discussion regarding email and Discover Tinley hotline and difficulties with access to both. Reta Brudd said Denise Maly-Politano should handle all emails and hotline calls, Al Siegers agreed.]

**Al Siegers** asked when the mailing actually was mailed out. Denise Maly-Politano responded part were mailed out on Saturday, the other part on Monday.

**Donna Framke** asked how many were mailed out. Denise Maly-Politano estimated 1500 due to the extra copies made later.

**Al Siegers** stated that Discover Tinley was not listed as an upcoming event on the website yet.

**Donna Framke** stated that next meeting we will talk about promo and she will check into the website.

### **Holiday Market**

**Reta Brudd** stated pictures were fine but the line was held up with the lady taking money and people thought they had to buy a picture. It was not clear that there was one free picture. There needs to be a better way to sell pictures, maybe collect the money at the end.

**Al Siegers** said it was a combination of getting the people's last name, asking if they wanted another picture, it was a combination of both.

**Reta Brudd** asked what the final number was and how do we know we did not get charged for those extra pictures. Where was the counter check to know that we did not get billed for those.

**Ron Centanni** agreed. How do we know who was charged. **Donna Framke** will check.

**Garrett Gray** gave kudos to Reta. She had made an announcement we are going to try to speed up the line and try to get you all in and she did. If she didn't push the line along there would have been a lot of angry Tinley Park residents.

**Reta Brudd** stated everyone loved the ornament and took pictures with it and it was nice to wait in line underneath the ornament.

**Garrett Gray** stated all the ornaments and decorations are really nice to look at.

**Donna Framke** stated the village is looking into an ice rink at the plaza. Plaza area will run from Teehan's east, from old Central Middle School and south to North Street. Objective is to have convertible space in that area and the rest of the space will potentially be turf and/or paver stones and convertibility. North Street will be all paver stones. Looking at a temporary rink with chillers that can come and go when needed. Might have a ground breaking ceremony in March.

**Reta Brudd** asked how the new plaza will affect the Farmer's Market. **Donna Framke** stated that the Farmer's Market will be contained but you will not be able to get in on North Street.

**Reta Brudd** asked about South Street and next year's Holiday Market and will they break ground by then? **Donna Framke** stated that the Holiday Market will probably be moved to the

North lot. Parking will be a challenge. Will look at a trolley. Thinks Santa will stay in the station.

**Deb Melchert** stated we had no credit card sales for three days. No one could get cell reception and it was not only us. A lot of vendors were not happy because they were losing credit card sales. With all of the cell providers in the town can we not hook them up with a booth and have them provide service. **Donna Framke** asked IT to look into it. Long term solution there will be Wi-Fi. Short term we do not have an answer.

**Joe DeNova** asked what if we have a local bank so we can have an ATM. **Donna Framke** stated there is usually a fee. **Deb Melchert** suggested the bank might waive the fee if we give them a spot at the market. **Al Siegers** stated that it is very expensive to set up an ATM.

**Deb Melchert** stated that the porta-pottys were not lit. A few years ago there was a tower of lights that would shine down. It makes a big difference when you have a light above. Also, the West door on the tent is virtually useless when the parents are there in the tent to see the kids on stage. Maybe have stations or something to block off some space so that you can use that door.

**Reta Brudd** suggested the metal horses they use during parades. **Al Siegers** stated the door has to be clear for emergencies.

**Deb Melchert** reported on sales. \$396.00 for sales, cash donations and beanies was \$561.00, about half it was last year. Wind shirts, umbrellas, draw string totes do not sell. Need to have some kind of patriotic shirt for sale. Surprised and likes the new logo but a lot of guys do not like the purple. Need a more neutral color for the men, especially in the flannel pants, maybe gray or blue. Also thought the decorations were absolutely beautiful.

**Donna Framke** stated she is looking for ideas for decorations and product for next year. **Reta Brudd** suggested decorating further down Oak Park Ave. **Don Budny** suggested decorating the village hall with lights or trees on the property there. **Reta Brudd** suggested a large sign/banner welcoming everyone to the village. **Deb Melchert** stated everyone still loves the gingerbread house.

### **Youth in Government**

**Reta Brudd** announced she is waiting to hear who our students will be. This year's mayor will be from Lincoln-Way East High School.

### **New Business** **Scholarships**

Reta Brudd stated we were aiming for eight but we do not have confirmation yet. There will be at least five scholarships but we hope for more. Need to confirm with Trustee Younker. Need to know business commitments by February 1<sup>st</sup> for sponsorship and do the applications.

**Donna Framke** asked what the process was for soliciting for scholarships.

**Don Budny** stated there might be two scholarships sponsored by the Odyssey, one from Nu-Way, one from the village attorney's office and one from the village engineer's office.

**Ron Centanni** stated there is no reason to put the number of scholarships down on the application. Leave it generic.

**Good of the Order**

N/A

**Comments from the Public**

No public, no comments.

**Adjournment**

There being no other business, a motion was made by **Deb Melchert**, seconded by **Garrett Gray**, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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