
MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY RESOURCES COMMISSION

April 10, 2019

7:30 p.m.

Kallsen Center Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Community Resources Commission was called to order by **Al Siegers** at 7:34 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present and responding to roll call were the following:

Members: Don Budny
Mike Cutrano
Janet Czuchra
Garrett Gray, Associate Member
Deb Melchert
Al Siegers
Mike Sevier
Barbara Rose Whalen
Sue Pall, Marketing Dept.
Denise Maly-Politano, Commission Secretary

Absent: Chairperson: Reta Brudd
Ron Centanni
Joe DeNova
Brian H. Younker, Village Trustee

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by **Deb Melchert**, seconded by **Don Budny**, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion made by **Don Budny**, seconded by **Janet Czuchra**, to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2019 meeting. Motion to approve the minutes as submitted approved by voice vote, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Denise Maly-Politano received an email from the American Islamic Foundation reading: Great to meet you at the expo. Excellent job by you and your team. Had a terrific time at the expo with a steady stream of visitors stopping by...Congratulations on a job well done. Wondered how many attendees we had.

Al Siegers and **Don Budny** thought it was 2500-3000 attendees based on the steady flow, the full parking lot and the number of programs given out.

OLD AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Studio

Don Budny reported the Studio is going strong. Doing the May show right now. Just finished the April show, getting the discs ready. Need more kids to volunteer. Only have Nick, Joe and Matt and we have lost about 3-4 volunteers and are looking for more.

Garrett Gray stated that **Ron Centanni** knows of and is looking into a film program at a local high school and is trying to get kids interested in volunteering.

Deb Melchert asked if there was ever a show run specifically on Discover Tinley.

Don Budny stated no. Nick asked for permission to make an announcement at a board meeting as to volunteers needed.

Al Siegers suggested letting the scholarships students know.

Youth in Government

Garrett Gray thanked everyone for working on the Youth in Government program and helping out. It was a great team effort and a huge success. Everyone was a great help. The kids were in the limelight and pictures were taken at the end of the night.

Scholarships

Don Budny reported 28 applications submitted for 4 scholarships. 19 girls and 9 boys representing eight different schools. Andrew High School had the most applications, Tinley Park High School the least. The presentation will be May 21st at 7:30. Will be making the presentations at the honors nights at the schools. April 29th is the meeting with the scholarship judges to see who won.

Al Siegers stated it is an impressive program and the legacy has to continue. **Reta Brudd** is the person that revived ~~started~~-it. Anyone attending should wear their red shirts and name tags.

Discover Tinley – April 6th

Al Siegers reported we had record attendance. First entertainment group drew a lot of people. Great way to start the day. 2500 to 3000 attendees. No major incidents or lost kids. Mr. D was very happy as many people stayed around to see his show.

Deb Melchert agreed there was a great turn out. Heard nothing but compliments. Svengoolie and staff was great. Food served by the hotel was bad. For what we are charged the food was atrocious. The “v” in the room was awesome.

Garrett Gray thought Svengoolie was a great idea and brought in a lot of people.

Janet Czuchra agreed about the food quality but added that the girl in the meeting room was great.

Don Budny stated that the 22 volunteers from Andrew H.S. were a great help. There were 34 volunteers total with some coming later. Vendors got in quick.

Barbara Rose Whalen suggested a way of keeping track of the kids helping with the program and allow them a half hour break. Need a list of names for those that check in with her at the front door. Had to remind the students the program is not to be inserted in the bag.

Sue Paul thought the event was well promoted. Promoted through the insert in the Junctions, shared on social media, Facebook, Trader Magazine, flyers in the lobby and distributed at the Irish parade, the Chamber blast, Svengoolie put it on his social media, the Patch calendar, vendors put it on their social media and the schools virtual back packs.

Al Siegers stated the next dates are March 28, 2020 and April 17, 2021.

Mike Sevier stated parking went smooth but people still do not follow directions. Maybe we need signs with lane 1 and lane 2. Vendors were pleased with the event. The North end didn't have much people down there.

Garrett Gray agreed all went really smooth. Traffic kept moving.

Al Siegers stated the Trader Magazine vendor said this was one of the best expo he has been to. This was the first year we did not have last minute registrations. We did have a few empty booths due to no shows which happened to be in the same aisle.

Denise Maly-Politano reported we had 160 booths, 5 did not show, 8 cancelled during the week. 64 businesses, 28 no charge, 41 non-profits. 133 vendors, same asked for more than one booth so 160 total booths.

Garrett Gray thought the jazz band was great.

Deb Melchert stated a vendor she spoke with was so impressed that the people working the expo was walking the floor in case there were any issues. Deb wanted to thank Al and Denise for working so many hours on Discover Tinley. Without **Al Siegers** there would be no Discover Tinley.

New Business

Mike Cutrano stated that a couple of commissioners need new shirts. Asked if he can order new shirts. **Al Siegers** did not think it would be a problem. Anyone that needs a new shirt see Mike after the meeting.

Deb Melchert had a collection of animals donated to her for the Christmas market.

Al Siegers reported the next dates for Discover Tinley are March 28, 2020 and April 27, 2021.

Block party is July 21st. It will be covered by the Studio according to **Don Budny**.

Good of the Order

Don Budny made a motion to take the month of June and July off, seconded by **Barbara Rose Whalen**.

Barbara Rose Whalen distributed flyers for a day of Bingo with the Lionesses.

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 8:23 p.m.

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