
MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY RESOURCES COMMISSION
September 11, 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 7:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present and responding to roll call were the following:

Members: Don Budny
 Ron Centanni
 Mike Cutrano
 Janet Czuchra
 Deb Melchert
 Al Siegers
 Mike Sevier
 Barbara Rose Whalen
 Garrett Gray, Associate Member
 Donna Framke, Village Liaison
 Denise Maly-Politano, Commission Secretary

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by **Barbara Rose Whalen**, 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 August 14, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Deb Melchert distributed a thank you card for everyone to sign. This card is going to the lady who donated the buttons for Reta Brudd's memorial.

OLD AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Studio

Garrett Gray reported the open house was a success. We had 5 students, 4 from Andrew, 1 from Stagg and an older man who would like to volunteer. We are in the process of working out the details and the schedule. Thank you to Donna Framke and the Marketing Department along with Mark Serratore who all took a big leadership role in recruiting and getting the word out, posting to the village website, social media and Facebook. Time will tell how successful it was. We are always open to grow and sustain.

Don Budny stated the phones in the Studio are not working. It is x5450.

Ron Centanni is looking for a WWII vet for next month's show. Anyone with a contact should call him.

Donna Framke stated that "boom" microphones were purchased.

Don Budny suggested purchasing more equipment from Covered Bridge Studios. Used equipment at a great used price.

Discover Tinley Dates/Discussion

Al Siegers announced the available date for Discover Tinley 2020 is March 28th with setup on Friday, March 27th if the CRC wants to proceed. Need to firm up that date and get contracts ready.

Denise Maly-Politano stated that the date is the end of spring break for the schools in the area and we will have problems getting kids to perform.

Motion made by **Don Budny**, seconded by **Garrett Gray** to host Discover Tinley on March 28th. Motion carried. **Donna Framke** will call about the contract and start the process.

Al Siegers stated there is not much of a date selection for 2021. There is a January date or they want us to go with April 10, 2021 but there is another event before us that would not get out until 3:00 on Friday. It would be a tight setup for us but it can be done. The convention center is very obliging to us and gets extra staff in there for set up. Easter 2021 is April 5th.

Deb Melchert asked if a contract came in from Jim Roche for Svengoolie. She will follow up.

Garrett Gray thought we risk losing momentum if we skip a year and people would be looking for it. Might hurt us in the long run if we skip a year. Thinks the chance of better weather would be better to navigate than a winter event.

Donna Framke stated that the spring date is more demands on time for families and kids with sports and that is the group we are trying to attract.

Ron Centanni suggested a fall date.

Al Siegers stated if we do not have cars again this year we will rework the layout. Something to consider as it gets closer to the date.

[Further Discover Tinley discussion followed regarding future dates and entertainment.]

Christmas Market/Pictures with Santa

Donna Framke reported the tent will be moved to the north lot and be twice as wide but same square footage. Requests are out to two vendors. The tent will be more square and increased to 130 x 80. Have to deal with light poles for spacing. Santa should be kept at the train station due to having the most space and the simplicity of line up. Someone will be at the train crossing to cross pedestrians. Tables, chairs, large ornament will be set up, 10x10 tent outside of the train

station. The Historical Society will be participating, Peter Riling has been booked as Santa this year at the train station, Toyland Parade, quotes have been requested to photographers with the request of not over selling. Santa will hand out candy canes. Convention Center will give us the pipe and drape, Chamber sponsoring the Parade of Lights. Stage Entertainment includes: Central Middle School, Andrew High School, Fierke School, Tinley Park High School, Frozen characters, Tinley Park Community Bank, and Bobbie Noonan. Possibly Tinley Park Park District will have a kids performance. Cookie decorating, letters to soldiers, create-a-critter, face painting, Lincoln Logs table, contemplating the soldier booth/CRC booth/village booth all combined. Vendor and craft applications have been mailed out. Forestview Stables will be participating with carriage rides; there will be a Merry-go-round, and JJC ice carving competition and demonstration. There will probably not be a campfire due to the construction. We are doing away with the blimp screen. Thinking about hiring professional carolers.

Ron Centanni suggested a school choir from one of the high schools.

Garrett Gray suggested Lincoln-Way East Madrigals.

Al Siegers asked if the sound/lights can be done by the same guy from inside the tent.

Deb Melchert stated that the stuffed animals sell well and the donations go to the military.

Al Siegers stated that he personally does not think a lot of changes need to be made. Know the area and the layout and we are all comfortable with it.

Garrett Gray suggested reaching out to some of the past members and volunteers to help out.

New Business

Commission Appointments

Al Siegers stated that all of the CRC commissioners have been reappointed. We are still looking for members if anyone knows of anyone that would be interested. **Al Siegers** distributed copies of what the CRC is responsible for doing. The description needs to be updated/revise.

Donna Framke suggested having a possible interested person submit a letter of intent to the mayor's office. A boost from the commission might help since technically they have done all of the commission appointments.

Youth in Government

Garrett Gray, Don Budny and Barbara Rose Whalen volunteered to work on Youth in Government.

[Discussion followed on dates and coordinating with the high schools and the village board.]

Good of the Order

Don Budny suggested reaching out to anyone that might be interested in scholarship sponsorship.

Donna Framke suggested looking into the scholarship program and having a system set up for the Reta Brudd Memorial Scholarship so that people can make a monetary donation. She would have to talk to the Finance Department about it.

Garrett Gray suggested having “levels” for scholarship donors such as Gold, Silver, Bronze, depending on what amount they want to donate.

Al Siegers stated he does not know how involved the village board wants the CRC to be in the collecting of funds.

Ron Centanni suggested a letter for scholarship sponsors be mailed with the vendor letter and application for Discover Tinley.

Denise Maly-Politano asked how we would follow up with scholarship letters/sponsors if 2,000 letters are mailed out with the Discover Tinley application and we do not get a response. Last year she handled it since everyone involved had left the village around the same time.

Garrett Gray suggested a time released “drip” email to contact businesses as to their possible sponsorship interest. This would go to a mass group. Email templates have to be set up, it’s preset and then it keeps sending numerous times.

Janet Czuchra suggested advertising on one of the studio programs.

Donna Framke suggested asking vendors at the Holiday Market.

Comments from the Public

No public, no comments.

Adjournment

There being no other business, a motion was made by **Don Budny** seconded by **Garrett Gray**, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:55p.m.

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