

MINUTES - SISTER CITY COMMISSION
May 17 , 2017

The meeting began at 7:20 p.m.

Present: Chairman: Michael Hiss; Secretary/Commissioner Roxane DeVos Tyssen;
Commissioners: Marilyn Bill, Jim Muller; Lucas Hawley, George Rohde; Village of Tinley Park
Staff Liaison: Antonia Steinmiller

Absent: Commissioners: JoAnne Dykhuizen, Jeannie Krichbaum, and Diane Przybylski

Guests: Wally Wasel (Public)

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Musical Sister City Update was added to the agenda. The amended agenda was reviewed and approved; Commissioner Hawley - 1st, Muller- 2nd

Minutes from April were read and approved; Commissioner Bill - 1st, Hawley - 2nd

Sister City Update:

- A Skype call is scheduled with Büdingen on June 10th at 9 a.m. at Village Hall. SCC should be there by 8:45 a.m.
- Antonia will schedule the Fulton Conference Room for us.
- Michael will provide those present with the German cake that Edda had on their end during our last Skype call.
- No quorum is needed.
- Michael will provide the use of his laptop for the call.

Büdingen Delegation, Tinley Park to Germany:

- We are looking at July 5 - 10, 2017.
- Lucas has booked his trip and will be staying with one of their commissioners. Edda will be picking him up at the airport.
- The Mayor of Tinley Park will get Lucas a gift to present to their Burgermeister before he leaves.
- Lucas is hoping to meet some of the students there that have come to Tinley Park for past exchanges.
- Lucas has spoken with the new Village Clerk and found that she would like to be involved with our Commission. She speaks fluent German and is a German teacher.
- She will be attending our next meeting.

Mallow, Ireland:

- Michael is waiting on the Mayor to send an introductory email before contacting them directly.
- Jim will be in Ireland this Friday and is planning on visiting Mallow.
- They refer to Sister Cities as Twinning Cities.

Nowy Sącz, Poland:

- We need to finalize the agreement between the two cities. Michael will discuss with Rob on how to approach this with the Mayor.

Musical City:

- Ken Shaw, our contact regarding the potential for a Sister City partnership with Austin, TX, is studying for his CPA but will get Jim some contact information for our counterparts in Austin. This partnership would align with the Village's new branding.
- A possible partnership with Memphis was also discussed.
- Michael will discuss both possibilities with Rob to lay out a plan on how to approach the Mayor.

Cultural Exchange:

- Lucas has been talking with Mike Paus regarding musical elements of the exchange.
- Photography was also mentioned as another medium of art exchange.

TPSCC Artwork Collection:

- Our artwork is on display at the Library throughout the end of May. Marilyn is discussing letting them show it through the end of June.
- There was a motion to leave the artwork at the Tinley Park Library. Hawley - 1st, Rohde - 2nd.

TPSCC Branding Logo:

- This is a work in progress.

TPSCC Promotional Materials:

- George has researched three different companies.
- SCC is looking at calendars with various photos from around the Village. We need to have a decision by October so we will have a "swag" item to dispense at the Holiday Market in December.

Community Engagement:

- SCC Facebook page - should be updated as frequently as possible. Currently this is not happening.

Internship:

- Nothing to report. A host home and a vehicle will be available but no further details about the visit are available.

Christkindlemarket in Chicago:

- Rich Schmidt is a Tinley resident who maintains several tents at the Chicago market.
- We will invite him to a future meeting to review some options regarding having an outing at the Market that will be open to all Tinley Residents who are interested.

New Business:

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