

# Tinley Park Sister Cities Commission Minutes

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

7:00 p.m. Kallsen Conference Center

Call to Order 7:18 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners present were recognized.

Recognize Commission members present: Chairman/Commissioner Patrick Rea; Secretary/Commissioner Roxane Tyssen; Commissioners: Marilyn Bill, Julie Dekker, Kurt Dekker, Lucas Hawley, Sarah Krause, and Jim Muller  
Staff Liaison: Dominic Sanfilippo  
Absent: Commissioner George Rohde

Minutes were reviewed and read from September 23, 2019. Pat Rea made a motion to approve, Marilyn Bill seconded, all in favor. Motion passed, minutes from September 23, 2019 were approved.

## **Sister City Updates:**

### Büdingen Update:

- 2019 Visitation:
  - Two commissioners have procured their tickets and several members of the Village administration have made commitments to be in Büdingen in December.
  - 30-Year Anniversary:
    - ❖ The artwork will be framed there. We will be getting them the dimensions of the work and will have them prepare a frame for the work so that it will be ready to go once it arrives with the delegation.
  - Gift:
    - ❖ Julie has not heard back from Steve Weinert as to the progress of the piece.

### Mallow Sister City Update:

- Lucas has reached out to the new leadership in Mallow. It has been about a week since he sent the initial emails.
- We are still exploring the idea of taking on a second sister/twinning city in Ireland.

## **Prospective Sister City Updates:**

- Nowy Sącz, Poland - Update:
  - There has been no response from Nowy Sącz. We are listed as a "friendship" city with them and that is how it will continue to stand.
  - Jim Muller has made the motion to go forward with looking into a city that will be more active in a sister city relationship. Roxane seconded the motion. Pat will begin

to work with the Polish Consulate in Chicago and reach out to some of his friends

- Canadian Sister City:
  - Roxane spoke with Nicole Lassaline, a Canadian friend, with regards to developing a relationship with a city in Canada. It is preferable to have it within a driving distance. Waiting on her response for a suggestion.
- Jordanian Sister City:
  - Pat updated the Commission on having Accaba, Jordan as a sister city. He has met with Mr. Ihssan Sweiss, Honorary Consul General for Jordan in Chicago. They have been asked if they are interested and have responded favorably.

#### **New Business:**

- Associate Commissioners: Pat has suggested that we approach some recent high school graduates that have preferably had experience with exchanges or the Sister Cities Commission. The Commission responded favorably to this idea. Dominic will look into utilizing the Village's social media to reach some of these individuals.
- Chicago Christkindle Market Gathering: Lucas proposed that we calendar a date to meet at the Chicago (downtown) Christkindle Market to celebrate the holiday season. The Commission decided on November 18, 2019.
- Tinley Park Holiday Festival: This falls on the same weekend as the visit to Büdingen. Pat suggested that we have a date/time to set to invite Tinley Park festival attendees to skype or otherwise "call" Büdingen, Germany. Dominic will talk with Marketing and we will get something set.
- Tinley Park Irish Day Parade: Roxane reached out to Vickie Sanchez with regards to timelines to submit requests to be in the parade. The requests will not be sent out until early January and we will revisit then. The Commission is excited to partake in the event in 2020. Marilyn motioned that we take part in the Irish Day Parade, Lucas seconded. We will continue to discuss this during future meetings.

#### **Old Business:**

- Benin Republic (West Africa) – Note from Emmanuel Hounguevou: Roxane will reach out to see when he will be available to meet.
- September 27 ceremony and event: Pat recapped the event for the Commission. His HSH Prince Ludwig and HSH Princess Chantal enjoyed the event and highly praised all the efforts of the Commission. Young Prince Ferdinand and his brother laid a floral piece by the memorial plaque and HSH Prince Ludwig gave a short speech on the importance of the relationship between Büdingen and Tinley Park.

#### **Public Comments:**

- Dominic suggested that the December 18th regularly scheduled Sister Cities Commission meeting be rescheduled if possible. Jim Muller motioned to have the meeting December 16, at 7:00 p.m. Lucas seconded. Roxane will send out appropriate notices.

Roxane motioned to adjourned, Julie seconded. All approved.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

The next meeting will be November 20, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Kallsen Center.