

Tinley Park Sister Cities Commission

Minutes August 17, 2022

7:00 p.m. Kallsen Center

The August 17, 2022 meeting was held in the Council Chamber and called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Patrick Rea led the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

- Recognize Commission members present: Chairman/Commissioner Patrick Rea; Secretary/Commissioner Roxane Tyssen; Commissioners: Lucas Hawley, Sarah Krause, Jim Muller, David Niemeyer, Michele Rons, George Rohde, and Mike Roche
- Staff Liaison: N/A
- Absent: Trustee Liaison: William Brady

Note: Associate Commissioner Andrae Marak has resigned.

Approval of Minutes:

- June 15, 2022, minutes were read; Lucas Hawley made a motion to approve., Jim Muller seconded. All were in favor, June 15, 2022, minutes were approved. There was no quorum in July

Sister City Updates:

Büdingen, Germany Update:

- We had to cancel the Zoom call that had been scheduled on August 6. Possible September dates were discussed.
- In September they will be celebrating their 50-year anniversary of the unification of the villages around Büdingen to form the greater Büdingen as we now know it today.
- Artists for benches. We finally have a list of the Tinley artists and their contact information. Roxane will compose an email and letter to be sent to the artists to see who may have interest in designing something that will be built in Büdingen.

Mallow, Ireland Update:

- There is no update from Mallow.

Nowy Sącz, Poland:

- Nothing to report.

Prospective Sister Cities:

Jordan, Aqaba:

- The Consul General from the Embassy in Chicago will be in Jordan, and he will try to stop in Aqaba. They have a firm interest in establishing a sister city relationship with us.
- The Commission discussed some of the logistics of traveling there.

Additional Potential Sister Cities

- We will remove Queretaro, Mexico after confirming this with Andrae Marak.

Municipality of Ghadamis, Libya:

- There is a call scheduled for August 31, 2022.

Old Business:

- Nothing to report.

New and Continuing Business:

USAID / TAQARI:

- Dave Niemeyer updated the commission on the calls with Ghadamis. As a result of these meetings, an article will be published by the USAID/TAQARI about the relationship between Ghadamis and Tinley Park.
- They have implemented some of the ideas and procedures that have been discussed on these calls, one of which is a licensing system based upon our model and it is the first of its type in Libya.

Tinley Park Oktoberfest:

- We discussed participation in the event that is being organized by the Chamber of Commerce.

Open Commissioner Positions:

- We need to fill associate commissioner positions.

Public comments/Announcements:

- No public comment.

Adjourned:

- Roxane Tyssen made a motion to adjourn, Lucas Hawley seconded. The meeting was adjourned 7:40 p.m.