

# Tinley Park Sister Cities Commission

## Minutes October 18, 2023

7:00 p.m. Kallsen Center

The October 18, 2023 meeting was held in the Council Chamber and called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Commissioner/Secretary Roxane Tyssen led the meeting.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Roll Call:**

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

### **Approval of Minutes:**

- September 20, 2023 minutes were read; David Niemeyer made the motion to approve, Sarah Krause seconded, and all were in favor. The motion was approved to accept the September 20, 2023 minutes.

### **Sister City Updates:**

#### Büdingen, Germany Update:

- A formal invitation from Büdingen was sent to the Mayor's office. It looks like two trustees will be going as well as Commissioner Tyssen. There is one more spot open if anyone else on the commission would like to go.
- A general discussion was held regarding the Christmas Market, their other sister/twinning cities (who are also invited), and what their plan is by inviting everyone this year.
- We will also work on alerting the public to their invitation to artists to attend their Kultural Nacht in July next year.
- HSH Prince Hans-Georg zu Isenburg und Büdingen will be visiting Tinley Park this coming weekend. A small luncheon is planned for him. There is a line item in the Sister Cities budget to cover reception. A motion was made for Sister Cities to cover half of the expenses of the for the luncheon, David Niemeyer seconded, all were in favor, the motion passed.

#### Mallow, Ireland Update:

- Commissioner Rohde reached out to the representatives in Cook County who assist with bringing the County Cork delegation to Chicago every year. Our plan is to invite a small group to Tinley Park next March when they come to Chicago.

#### Nowy Sącz, Poland:

- Nothing to report.

**Prospective Sister Cities:**Jordan, Aqaba:

- Our trip has been postponed due to the events in that area. The commission is still dedicated to keeping lines of communication open and, when it's safer, to travel there.

Additional Potential Sister Cities

- Nothing to report at this time.

Municipality of Ghadamis, Libya:

- David Niemeyer updated the commission on the conditions in Libya due to the massive flooding that has occurred throughout most of the country. The next call is scheduled for next Wednesday.

**Old Business:**

- Nothing to report.

**New and Continuing Business:**

- Nothing to report.

**Public comments/Announcements:**

- No public comment.

**Adjourned:**

- Roxane Tyssen made a motion to adjourn, David Niemeyer seconded, all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned 7:51 p.m.