

January 14, 2009

The Tinley Park Community Resources Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Reta Brudd at 7:35p.m., at the Kallsen Conference Center.

Present: Chairman Reta Brudd and Commissioners Don Budny, Ron Centanni, Mike Cutrano, Erika Grotto, Deb Melchert, Al Siegers and Dave Szumigalski. Commissioner Marcia Cummins arrived after roll call.

Absent: Commissioners: Jack Carey, Nancy Kolb and Barbara Rose Whalen

Guests: None

#### Approval of Agenda

Motion was made by Don Budny to approve the Agenda as submitted, seconded by Mike Cutrano. Motion carried by voice vote.

#### Correspondence

The VVAC is collecting items for the servicemen. A flyer of items requested was distributed. A letter was received from the Tinley Park Food Pantry for the donation from the Santa Arrival. We collected \$284 in cash as well as nonperishable food items.

#### Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Don Budny to approve the minutes of the November meeting as presented, seconded by Dave Szumigalski. Motion carried by voice vote.

#### Unfinished Business

##### Studio

Mike Cutrano reported we may have to update our wireless microphones. We will check with Steve Grein to see what our options are.

##### Santa's Arrival

Chairman Brudd said there was a follow up meeting for all of the Christmas Events. We were complimented by all of the Village Departments who were involved for the great job we do, and a letter from Mayor Zabrocki thanking us as well for the fine event. The attendance was down because of the cold weather, but everyone who attended had a great time.

Everyone thought the gentleman who was Santa was great. He sent us a letter saying he would like to do this again.

Chairman Brudd stopped at Zettlemeir's to thank them for the great cookies.

Don Budny mentioned the problems that arise with the people attempting to bring strollers into the train station. There are certain occasions that make a stroller necessary, such as with a handicapped child. Marcia Cummins said she and Erika Grotto worked the inside line and there

were a couple of strollers that came in, but it was fine. Most people have been to Disney World and they know to leave the strollers outside where there was a sign.

Marcia asked what happens with the Santa Letters. Chairman Brudd said Amy Chmura took care of them this year. Marcia feels we should read them, and if there is something we should address we could submit them to Tinley Wish.

Erika said she was pleasantly surprised that people were more congenial this year than in the past. Chairman Brudd said it seems the harder times get the nicer people are.

Chairman Brudd said we need signs saying where the rides line up and that no ticket is required. We have signs in the storage room that could be used for this purpose.

#### Christmas Market

Chairman Brudd reported our booth raised \$1400. She suggested that we add flood lights similar to the ones used by the jeweler to light up the tent better.

She does not feel they are going to do the Friday night movie in the future unless they get one that appeals to children more. Marcia does not feel the Friday night movie attracts like a band would. Chairman Brudd said they are discussing having local bands on Friday and Saturday nights to make it a family event.

#### Parade of Lights

Chairman Brudd said beside it being very cold it was the slowest moving parade. No one knows why there were so many delays and stops. Ron Centanni said there was a large gap in the parade at one time.

Chairman Brudd said OPAMA may not do the parade in the future in which event the Special Events may take this over. Al Siegers said it was advantageous they shortened the parade route.

There was some discussion about the safety of children coming into the street for items being thrown to the crowd.

#### Holiday Get-together

This event will be held at Al's home on January 24<sup>th</sup>. Al asked people to arrive between 6:00 and 6:30 p.m. with dinner to be served at 7:00 p.m. He will follow up to see if Mayor Zabrocki has been invited.

Chairman Brudd suggested having a re-gifting grab bag of something you received this year or something new in your home you will not use.

#### Discover Tinley

Annette Rickerson reported the initial mailing with registration forms has been sent out.

Chairman Brudd asked Steve Grein to again line up the entertainment. He was given information on a dance group and a cheerleading group who would like to participate.

Discussion occurred on past entertainers, and the consensus was we want to retain Mr. D's, Fun! Fun! Fun!, and Dale the Balloon Dude. The gentleman who was Santa will be hired to do the Face Painting. We will not have the young lady do the National Anthem as it is not heard in the entry, and people do not pay attention.

It was suggested that we invite Christine Magnuson to be in a booth to possibly sign autographs. Also we could contact the 2016 Olympic Committee to participate because she is working with them.

#### Discover Tinley Booklet

Chairman Brudd has received update information from the Police Department, and Annette has the updates from the Village

Clerk's Office. Marcia asked if the money is being budgeted for a new printing. It is included in the bid for the printing of the Exchange. Marcia does not know if this will be the same because of the change in format. She also feels we should change the book to a cheaper format. Erika asked if we have this information on the Village Website. Marcia said the PDF is still last year's.

Chairman Brudd said the budget is set for Discover Tinley and the book is normally covered by funds that come in for the Expo and are placed in escrow.

#### Youth in Government

Chairman Brudd reported the event went very well. She thanked Marcia for taking care of the photographs. Ron said the Andrew representative did not notify him of not having two participants until one week before the event.

#### New Business

##### Scholarships

Chairman Brudd said the scholarships will be mailed out to the schools by February 13th. We need something in the newspaper to state the applications are available in the Clerk's Office beginning on February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Don feels with the condition of the economy there will be many students looking for scholarships.

#### Good of the Order

None.

#### Adjournment

Motion was made by Steve Grein and seconded by Erika Grotto to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.