

**Tinley Park Sister Cities Commission
Minutes
August 16, 2017**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

The pledge was recited.

Present: Commission Chair Michael Hiss; Secretary/Commissioner Roxane Tyssen; Commissioners: Marilyn Bill and Jim Muller. Guest Richard Schmidt.

Absent: Commissioners: Lucas Hawley, Jeannie Krichbaum, Diane Przybylski

The Agenda was read and amended to add Christmas ornaments to New Business. Commissioners Tyssen 1st, Muller 2nd. Also requested was a change to Open Business to add the SCC attendance policy. Commissioners Muller 1st, Bill 2nd.

The Agenda was then approved with additions. Commissioners Bill 1st, Muller 2nd.

Last month's minutes were read: No changes. Minutes were approved. Commissioners Bill 1st, Muller 2nd.

Budigen Sister City Update:

- Michael has spoken with Edda. The Skype is being scheduled and has a proposed date for Saturday, September 2nd. Roxane and Jim will not be in town. Due to this, a second date will be tentatively be proposed to Edda. After discussing we are looking at the 16th. Marilyn will not be able to make the 16th. Michael will wait to see if Lucas is available.

2018 Budigen Delegation and Beyond:

- We need a host family list. Michael will call Randy to see if he has a contact list from the last visit.
- The 2020 Tinley to Bűdingen visit was discussed. Edda has told Michael there is not a bad time of year to visit. She can come up with an agenda once we have a timeline of when the visit will occur. Jim Muller suggested Christmas time or in July. In July 2020 Bűdingen will have the big art festival. Michael will add to the Skype call agenda on what is covered in "arts" for this festival - What type of media? Prints, sculpture, music??

Mallow Update:

- Michael will send emails to the Mallow people that we have contacts for. An email has already gone out to all the contacts that Jim had gotten when he was there but it was a blanket email for all recipients. He will send out individual versus a mass email. Michael will propose doing a skype with them following our Bűdingen one.

Additional Sister Cities:

- Nowy Sącz, and Austin have not been reached out to yet as Michael has not yet heard from the Village on a finalized agreement (wording) for both Nowy Sącz and Austin. Jim Muller has a friend in Austin who he will be seeing over Labor Day weekend. He thinks his friend can provide us with some names on the Austin side.

Regarding Austin, Lucas needs to clear up some things through Ken Shaw.

Open Business:

- Christkindlmarket Chicago - Guest Richard Schmidt:

The Chicago Christkindlmarket is a German Christmas festival that happens in downtown Chicago. It's been at Daly Plaza for 20+ years. He has been with the market for 8 years, he is partnered with a friend from Germany on one.

He can coordinate with the German chamber of commerce to either reserve a small space/table for our group. Have not done this before with guests but will be willing to coordinate with the chamber on our behalf. His partner is one of the founders of the Chicago market. Weekday visit/after hours. Monday and Tuesday are usually a little slower, especially the first couple of weeks. It opens November 17th and is open through Christmas eve. Looking at December 7th which is a Thursday.

- Offer a strudel special.
- We can advertise at the holiday market in Tinley.

Create coins or tickets to get either a slice or a whole strudel. The slice is \$7. We may also be able to offer a ticket or coupon for a sausage sandwich. These will be good only for Richards 4 booths. This can be served on Tinley Park logo napkins or a sticker can be on the plate. "Hello My Name Is" stickers will be offered for the group who would like to attend. The market closes at 8 p.m. and there is a 7:45 p.m. Rock Island train we could take back to Tinley Park. A motion was carried to do the tickets for Dec 7, 5:30-7:15 p.m. Commissioners Tyssen 1st, Muller 2nd.

The Market opens the weekend before Thanksgiving and goes through Christmas Eve.

Internship Opportunity Follow-up:

- Michael was following up with the HR manager from the Park District. He has been corresponding with Inna. Bastion (the student) will be extending his trip from 2 to 4 weeks, but he can only do 3 weeks for the internship. He arrives on October 3/4.

TP SCC Swag:

- The SCC needs new promo materials that have the new branding. Roxane Tyssen will reach out to a promotions contact she has for suggestions on swag. A new logo was discussed specifically for the Commission.

Cultural Exchange:

- As it relates to Büdingen, Lucas had secured a CD of Tinley Park Music. Michael will ask him who he presented it to.

TPSCC artwork:

- The TP Library graciously kept it displayed for two months. The Commission is still trying to contact the Vogt Art Center to see if they may want to display it. Another option is to reach out to the Painted Turtle.

SCC Branding Logo:

- This is still in discussion.

New Business:

- Village Tree decoration.

SCC will reach out to the Chamber to see if we can get a tree of our own to decorate. Marilyn Bill showed the Commissioners some samples that she created to use as ornaments. These were pictures on paper but would be laminated; we should add some German sayings on it. We should also include Mallow. Jim Muller offered to laminate what we design. Michael will try to get images from Mallow and Büdingen. Marilyn had make some "bells" out of plastic containers that would be weather resistant. Our goal is for us to decorate a tree with all of our sister cities represented.

Michael will reach out to the Chamber of Commerce (Doc Mahony) on this matter. The tree has to be decorated on November 30th and this is done at night.

- There are several open Sister City Commissioner positions now. The SCC would prefer to see the letters and the resumes but we understand this not a requirement.

Ongoing Business:

A new attendance policy that would be isolated to our commission was discussed. The SCC realizes that we are not able to remove anyone, but we can recommend to the Village Board to remove a commissioner. The policy was further explained by Michael. The SCC has 12 meetings a year (July through June) and Commissioners must attend 10 out of 12 meetings. Commissioners Bill 1st, Muller 2nd. We will be adapting this policy and it will be retroactive to July 2017.

Adjourned at 8:23 p.m. Commissioners Bill 1st, Muller 2nd.