

Tinley Park Sister Cities Commission Minutes

Wednesday, August 18, 2021

7:00 p.m. Village Chambers

The August 18, 2021 meeting was held via conf. call and in-person in the Village Chamber.

Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call:

- Recognize Commission members present: Chairman/Commissioner Patrick Rea; Secretary/Commissioner Roxane Tyssen; Commissioners: Lucas Hawley, Sarah Krause, Jim Muller, Michele Rons, George Rohde, Mike Roche, Andrae Marak
- Staff Liaison: David Niemeyer
- Trustee Liaison: William Brady
- Absent: Commissioner: Rob Zimmer; Associate Commissioners: Julie and Kurt Dekker
- Special Guest/Public: CH Rohde Party Favor "Celine"

Approval of Minutes:

- Approval of June 16, 2021 Sister Cities Commission Meeting Minutes: Jim Muller made the motion to approve the minutes with corrections, George Rohde seconded; All in favor. Motion to approve June 16, 2021 minutes passed.

Sister City Updates:

Büdingen, Germany Update:

- Elections there are on September 26th.

Mallow, Ireland Update:

- Nothing to report.

Nowy Sącz, Poland:

- The Tinley Park Department of Public Works installed the sign. Over a dozen people turned out for the occasion which was followed by a Polish lunch held in the Kallsen Center.

Prospective Sister Cities:

Jordan, Aqaba:

- Mr. Ihsan Sweiss, Counsel General of The Embassy of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, was unable to attend but we are hopeful that he will be able to attend a meeting in the near future.

Palestine, Bir Ziet:

- Nothing to report at this time.

Municipality of Ghadamis, Libya:

- A recap of the last conference call was given. This is a working relationship between the International City/County Management Association, the Village of Tinley Park's Village Manager's Office, and the counsel in Ghadamis where various topics are discussed.
- While this is not a sister cities relationship, our Commissioners can offer valuable input in some instances. The Commission will support this working relationship in any way we can.

Additional Potential Sister Cities

- There is still an interest in partnering with a municipality in Canada, but no specific city is being considered.
- Chairman Rea is exploring a relationship with a yet-to-be-named city/village in Russia. Discussions are in the very early stages and updates will be provided as they occur.
- Commissioner Marak will be looking into possible Sister Cities in South America.

Old Business:

- Additional comments about the sign installation.

New and Upcoming Business:

- Oktoberfest 2021 – Will be held September 17-19. The Sister Cities Commission has been offered a tent if we want it. The Commission voted to participate and we will need volunteers.
- Holiday Market 2021 – The Commission has been offered to share a space with Village staff as they handle tickets for photos with Santa. We will only have information to hand out so we should be able to assist them. Their tent is heated which is a bonus.
- The Commission will look into obtaining flags from our Sister Cities to display at events.

Public comments:

- Celine had the following comments: "Woof. Rawwwr. Bark, bark, bark." And proceeded to shake paws with everyone.

Adjourned:

- George Rhode motioned to adjourn, Sarah Krause seconded, all were in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.