

Tinley Park Sister Cities Commission Minutes

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

7:00 p.m. Village Chambers

The February 17, 2021 meeting was held via conf. call.

Meeting called to order at 7:16 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call:

- Recognize Commission members present: Secretary/Commissioner Roxane Tyssen; Commissioners: Marilyn Bill, Sarah Krause, Jim Muller, George Rohde, and Michele Rons, Rob Zimmer
- Staff Liaison: David Niemeyer
- Absent: Chairman/Commissioner Patrick Rea; Commissioner Lucas Hawley; Associate Commissioners Julie and Kurt Dekker

Approval of Minutes:

- Approval of January 20, 2021 Sister Cities Commission Meeting Minutes: George Rohde made the motion to pass the minutes as presented, Marilyn Bill seconded; All in favor. Motion to approve January 20, 2021 minutes passed.

Sister City Updates:

Büdingen, Germany Update:

- All projects are still on hold due to COVID.
- The Commission discussed the natural disaster in Büdingen. At the end of January, the area of Germany where Büdingen lies experienced a large snowfall, followed by warmer temperatures and heavy rainfall. The subsequent result left the rivers and streams in and around Büdingen flooded over their banks. The pressure from this flooding caused a breach in the walls that surrounded the old city, which left severe water damage throughout homes and businesses located there.
- An account was established to collect donations for the disaster relief efforts in Büdingen. It will be open until our next meeting in March. This will be from private donations from friends and family in the Tinley area and distributed to the government of Büdingen.

Mallow, Ireland Update:

- There is no update on Mallow, as far as we know, they are still under strict restrictions due to COVID.
- The Commission will compose a resolution to acknowledge the 20th Anniversary of our Sister Cities relationship with Mallow Ireland which will be sent to our contacts there (or in County Cork) in early May.

Nowy Sącz, Poland:

- We still have not heard back about using an image of their crest/shield and flag to add to our Sister Cities sign on Oak Park Avenue and 183rd Street.

Prospective Sister Cities:

Jordan:

- Until travel restrictions ease, we are on hold for formal declarations.

Canada:

- We have received no responses from any area in Canada with regards to our request for a Canadian sister city.

New and Upcoming Business:

- None.

Old Business:

- None.

Public comments:

- None.

Adjourned:

- George Rohde motioned to adjourn, Marilyn Bill seconded, all were in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.