

Tinley Park Sister Cities Commission Minutes

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

7:00 p.m. Village Chambers

The January 19, 2022 meeting was held in the Village Chambers.

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m. The 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, David Niemeyer, Michele Rons, George Rohde, and Mike Roche
- Associate Commissioners: Andrae Marak
- Trustee Liaison: William Brady
- Staff Liaison: NA
- Absent: Associate Commissioners: Julie & Kurt Dekker;

Approval of Minutes:

- Approval of November 17, 2021 Sister Cities Commission Meeting Minutes: George Rohde made the motion to approve the minutes, Sarah Krause seconded; All in favor. Motion to approve November 17, 2021 minutes passed.

Sister City Updates:

Büdingen, Germany Update:

- We are still working on setting up a video call, setting a date that works for all has been challenging.

Mallow, Ireland Update:

- Nothing to report.

Nowy Sącz, Poland:

- Should the Ukraine be invaded by Russia or other acts of war be declared, Poland has announced that it will side with the Ukraine.

Prospective Sister Cities:

Jordan, Aqaba:

- Research is being done to create a draft of a memorandum of agreement (a precursor to writing up a resolution to the Village of Tinley Park President and the Board of Trustees.
- A brief discussion was had on the Jordanian food that was enjoyed on New Years Eve.

Palestine, Bir Zeit:

- Nothing to report.

Municipality of Ghadamis, Libya:

- A brief was provided on the last call with them.

Additional Potential Sister Cities

- Queretaro, Mexico
 - Andrae Marak is still working on establishing contacts in Queretaro.

Old Business:

- Holiday Market 2021 – Our participation in the event was reviewed. Everyone who attended loved the dogs, especially the children. There was a great turnout and Burgermeister Spammer enjoyed participating in the events over the weekend. He had a wonderful time catching up with his friends in Tinley Park.

New and Upcoming Business:

- George Rohde discussed the education initiative in detail. This project will entail comparing and contrasting the educational systems in the US/Tinley Park with those of the countries/cities we are twinned with. There are many nuances of how this project can go and the commissioners brainstormed multiple ideas.
 - Commissioners will come back to next months with some ideas.

Public comments/Announcements:

- We will be having visitors from Finland at some point this year.

Adjourned:

- George Rohde motioned to adjourn, Andrae Marak seconded, all were in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.
- The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.