

Minutes of the Community Resources Commission

April 10, 2013

7:30 p.m.

Kallsen Center

Meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present were: Reta Brudd, Chair; Members: Don Budny, Mike Cutrano, Deb Melchert, Al Siegers, Mike Sevier, Barbara Rose Whalen, Assoc. Member Phil Raines, Liaison Trustee Tom Staunton.

Absent: Ron Centanni, Steve Grein, Dave Szumigalski, Sheri Reiplinger, Assoc. Member Jack Carey.

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion was made by **Mike Cutrano**, seconded by **Don Budny** to approve the agenda as submitted.

Correspondence: No correspondence.

Minutes:

Motion was made by **Mike Cutrano**, seconded by **Don Budny** to accept the minutes of March 13, with revisions noted.

Unfinished Business:

Studio

Reta Brudd reported the Studio back drop was completed. Lighting should be completed next week. Eric, Matt, Mike, Joe, Chris and Iyana will be students joining the Studio. Waiting to hear from Sara.

New Business:

Discover Tinley

Reta Brudd reported that 2013 was the largest crowd ever. The Convention Center estimated 5500-6000 people came through. Reta shared Ron Centanni's notes/comments in his absence. Ron stated that Magic Masters was pleased to be involved and would like a bigger area next year. Model train vendor liked Discover Tinley and would like to participate again with a larger display next year. Ron would like to see the balloon guy closer to stage. [Detailed notes can be found in the file.]

Reta Brudd thought AAA did a great job especially with the late Friday night set-up. We would like to see booths or displays at the North end after the train display. There seemed to be a large amount of open space. Discussions need to be held with the Convention Center about having equipment within the exhibition area. This area is paid for by the people holding the exhibition and should not be a distraction. All equipment, including lifts and docks need to be outside the exhibition area.

Don Budny thought this was the best lay out we ever had and thanked Al Siegers for all his work.

Tom Staunton requested a list of dates for upcoming years for Discover Tinley 2014 and 2015. Thought cars might be better on back (east) wall near the windows and have shorter aisles. Al Siegers said it was not possible with the quick set-up time.

Barbara Rose Whalen reported that Ingalls handed out 4,980 items at Discover Tinley to visitors at their booth. She did not see much of the media truck driving around town and inquired if anyone else saw the sign on the truck driving around town. Barbara Rose questioned senior transportation bus to/from the Convention Center.

Reta Brudd does not want the responsibility or liability of transportation. We do not have the staffing. Thought it was a great idea but we can't take on anything more on that day.

Al Siegers responded he saw the media truck at least 3 times and did ask they to travel LaGrange Road a few times so some people from Orland/Mokena/Frankfort would also see the sign as well as Tinley residents that use LaGrange Road to and from work.

Reta Brudd suggested the media truck stay in Tinley for more exposure in town. Sixty-five percent of advertising needs to be in Tinley Park, not other towns. We need to promote Tinley.

Mike Sevier reported minor parking issues, new signage needs to be created to relay the idea of forming 2 lines, a "Do Not Load" sign next year, suggested self-unload point, also suggested the Experimental Aviation Club from Lansing to be invited next year to coincide with our trains and automobiles within the exhibit. One vendor he spoke to was impressed with the student help for moving in.

Don Budny suggested closing off the right in/right out truck entrance on 183rd Street to help with traffic flow.

Reta Brudd suggested additional parking signs to be put up after one lot is full. Also need to specify somewhere that animals are only allowed by licensed handlers or with permission from the commission. Need to offer different things every year to keep it fresh.

Mike Cutrano would like a couple of 50" televisions in Discover Tinley/Studio booth next year. He liked the lay out and the booth location.

Phil Raines thought everything went real well, loved the lay out, and very impressed with the flow of people. Most of the vendors were very impressed and were looking forward to coming back next year and bringing other groups. The way Al set everything up it was beautiful with everything in every aisle, very nice event with more diversity this year.

Al Siegers reported 90 new vendors this year. Also suggested reminding the volunteers to not put the brochures in the bag so more people will actually look at it. Hand out the brochure separately. There was some congestion by motorcycle and police dog in the front doorway. Downtown Tinley aisle worked out pretty good. Really liked the lay out and wants to carbon copy it.

Deb Melchert collected close to \$100.00 between stuffed animals and donation can. Flag was raffled off at \$150.00. Total donations in her booth would be \$200-300.00 total. She heard nothing but great comments about the event, thought the lay out was great.

Reta Brudd wants to get a stand or a case for the flag in the Studio. Also need to take note of what restaurants were there to give discount for next year. Olympic Star loved the event.

Al Siegers suggested we automatically give food vendors electric whether they indicate it or not on the form.

Don Budny spoke with Norman's and Bath Fitter who both want to attend next year.

Reta Brudd said scholarships will be given out May 21st.

Don Budny had 24 scholarship entries this year and 23 were girls. Most were from Tinley Park and Andrew H.S.

Adjournment

There being no other business, a motion was made by **Barbara Rose**, second by **Phil Raines** to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.