

Minutes of the Community Resources Commission

April 9, 2014

7:30 p.m.

Kallsen Center

Meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Chairperson Reta Brudd.

Roll Call:

Present: Reta Brudd, Chair; Members: Don Budny, Mike Cutrano, Ron Centanni, Deb Melchert, Mike Sevier, Al Siegers, Barbara Rose Whalen, and Assoc. Member Phil Raines

Absent: Janet Czuchra, Dave Szumigalski, Sheri Reiplinger, and Assoc. Member Jack Carey, Liaison Trustee Tom Staunton.

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion was made by **Don Budny**, second by **Barbara Rose Whalen**, to approve the agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Correspondence:

No correspondence.

Minutes:

Motion was made by **Don Budny**, second by **Barbara Rose Whalen** to accept the March 12, 2014 minutes.

Unfinished Business:

Studio

Reta Brudd reported the Studio is progressing. The alarm system is being installed after May 1, 2014. Those of you who have a key, do not use it until Reta can get the code or else you will set off the alarm to the police station. There will be an alarm/horn installed on the outside of the building.

New Business:

No new business.

Old Business:

Discover Tinley

Reta Brudd congratulated and thanked everyone on another successful Discover Tinley. She heard numerous positive comments and no complaints. Reta will look into the Fetch! Pet Care application and talk to the owner. Fetch will be given a refund. She will have the mayor or Clerk Rea send a personal letter. Reta thinks the police department needs to move to a different booth next year and she will talk to Laurie Mason. Booth was unattended too often. Maybe have the veterans move more towards the front entrance. Next year's application needs to be revised to remove Tinley Park Chamber reference and avoid confusion. We will also add the Hotline number to the application to make the number more visible. Reta thought Lincoln-Way North Jazz Ensemble did a great job and would invite them back.

Phil Raines thought everything went very smooth. Set-up was great. Thoroughly pleased with the railroad people. They drew an unbelievable crowd to their booth. The firehouse display and jumper was great. The jumper attracted a lot of kids and the kids loved it. Phil heard from vendors and visitors that Discover Tinley is one of the BEST events in the area. All vendors he spoke to were very happy with the event and the vendors thought the event went smooth. Did not hear one complaint and most vendors said they will return next year.

Mike Sevier reported we are still having issues with the parking. People do not seem to be able to see or understand the signs. Thinks more signs with more directions are needed. EMA closed the access road on the north end of the parking lot and that helped with traffic flow. The other problem was with the handicapped parkers who were parking in the vendor area because the main parking lot was not opened until 9:45. That main parking lot needs to be opened earlier especially for those visitors needing handicapped parking. Great idea with the fresh baked cookies at the Horton booth.

Barbara Rose Whalen thought everything went well and the vendors liked the wider aisles and the set up.

Deb Melchert received nothing but great compliments. Vendors said the event was very well organized and well run.

Ron Centanni thought all went well and the student volunteers worked out great. He did not think he was going to have enough volunteers but at the last minute all worked out and the volunteers came through. Lucked out with the volunteers this year and the helpers from Tinley Park High School, especially the volunteer helping Dale. He would like to commend Tinley Park H.S. for a job well done. Many of their volunteers stayed the entire day and worked very hard and put in long hours. There was some down time for some of the volunteers but all were needed as things became busier. Hardly anyone was there from 7-8:30 and kids were warming up inside. Busy from about 8:30 to 9:30. Andrew H.S. provided a list of about 20 volunteers but only a few showed up. This year we had the most volunteers ever for clean-up. Unloading went well. The vendors Ron spoke to raved about Discover Tinley. Ron was disappointed with the newspaper coverage on the event. Thought lay out was excellent and the north end was great.

Al Siegers thinks we need to write up a standard story to email to every newspaper to have Discover Tinley advertised.

Reta Brudd did see an article in the Patch but it was a reprint of last year's article.

Mike Cutrano thought some of the food booths blocked the aisles and the flow of foot traffic.

Don Budny need to block off the truck entrance at 183rd. 183rd entrance needs to be closed earlier to avoid vendors entering on that end. Vendors were gracious to have the volunteers helping out with unloading.

Ron Centanni would like to have the entertainment reminded to have performers come in the front door and not the vendor entrance in the back.

Denise Maly-Politano read an email she received from Gary Niehaus of the Lockport Veteran's Commission who stated they had all of the support they needed, have been to many events and ours was the most professional. Leslie from his office thought everything was handled very well and want to come back next year. Thought their booth was in a great location near the other veteran's booths.

Al Siegers thought the vendors loved the lay out. Al loved the lay out and the flow. There were straight rows with no intersection. Eighteen booths less than last year. We still have room to grow. Maybe next year booth numbers will be added as vendors and volunteers seemed to be confused as to what row or booth they were assigned to even though each booth is clearly marked with the vendor sign above it. Everyone loved the lay out and the freebies. Would like to see Discover Tinley promoted in a better way, possibly through a website, email or its own page. Next year we might want to invite Dance Images to be part of the entertainment schedule as they had dancers performing inside their booth all day long and drew a crowd. Might need to consider getting larger vendors in earlier next year or the night before to set up. Thinks Denise should have a Discover Tinley email rather than using her personal one.

Scholarships

Don Budny reported the scholarships were mailed out, judges notified. Need to order plaques for the May 6th presentation at the board meeting. Thirty-two applications were received – 20 girls and 12 boys - from eight schools: Brother Rice, Chicago Christian, Marion, Providence, Lincoln-Way North, Andrew, Sandburg, and Tinley Park High School. It would be great if the commission could attend the meeting and see the scholarships distributed to the students.

Phil Raines reported the plaques were ordered and he will pick up on the 17th.

Good of the Order

May 6th board meeting and scholarship awards. Wear red shirts if attending.

Adjournment

There being no other business, a motion was made by **Deb Melchert**, second by **Barbara Rose Whalen**, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.