
MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY RESOURCES COMMISSION

April 13, 2016

7:30 p.m.

Vogt Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Community Resources Commission was called to order by Chairperson Reta Brudd at 7:32 p.m. in the Kallsen Center.

ROLL CALL

Present and responding to roll call were the following:

Chairperson: Reta Brudd

Members: Don Budny
John Carey, Assoc. Member
Ron Centanni
Mike Cutrano
Janet Czuchra
Garrett Gray
Sheri Reiplinger
Mike Sevier
Al Siegers
Barbara Rose Whalen
Visitor Joe DeNova
Visitor Logan Enright

Absent: Deb Melchert
Dave Szumigalski, Assoc. Member
Brian M. Younker, Assoc. Member
Donna Framke, Staff Liaison
Brian H. Younker, Village Trustee

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion was made by **Barbara Rose Whalen**, seconded by **Mike Sevier**, to approve the agenda with the Youth in Government addition. **Ron Centanni** added Youth in Government item to the Agenda. Motion to accept the agenda as amended made by **Barbara Rose Whalen**, seconded by **Janet Czuchra**.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

MINUTES

Motion was made by **Don Budny**, seconded by **Mike Sevier**, to approve the March 9, 2016 minutes. All in favor of the minutes as submitted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Studio

Reta Brudd stated the Studio has one senior graduating but he will remain as a volunteer as he is staying local for college. Fortunately, we are not losing any volunteers this year. The intern program with the village is only for college and high school students for taping of meetings. One new camera should be arriving shortly, the other purchased after the new budget is approved. The Studio will have four cameras total. Received a request from the Environmental Commission to tape the Spring Clean-up event on April 23rd. Taping of the PAWS Parade on September 18th is also on the calendar.

Don Budny reported that there might be three new members at the Studio on Monday. Already have two new volunteers thanks to *The Exchange* article asking for volunteers, possible three more. One is a computer technician.

Reta Brudd reported 4 out of the 5 volunteers are adults.

Discover Tinley

Reta Brudd stated that everyone did a great job. Makes her feel very proud to be part of this group. Extra recognition goes to Al Siegers and Denise Maly-Politano for their tremendous work.

Al Siegers stated he was glad to help. We are all hard working volunteers here. Volunteers like us have helped make Tinley Park an attractive place for people to live and raise a family. I'm disappointed that some people are grumbling right now and that we have lost several of our fellow volunteer commissioners.

Al Siegers wondered if parking lot was full, did people just drive by and not come in when parking could not be found? Have we maxed out our attendance because the parking lot was full? We have 340 parking spaces for vendors, 328 in the south lot and 330 in the hotel lot. Did people turn away because they couldn't find parking? Curious if the back lot was full? There are shuttle buses from the Convention Center that could go to/from Central Middle School but there would be an extra fee involved. **Al Siegers** wondered how the early birds section went.

Reta Brudd thought there were a lot of early birds and that section worked out well. Sound system worked well after a glitch. **Al Siegers** stated he could hear the announcements very well from the center of the room. He also noted everyone was very respectful, quiet, took off their hats, etc. during the National Anthem.

Reta Brudd thought the Convention Center was supposed to be adding extra parking.

Jack Carey stated that the TNT Dance Studio appreciated the performance time and the larger stage.

Don Budny thought all went well. Lots of student volunteers to help. Thanks to **Garrett Gray** and **Brian Younker** guiding people to keep the flow.

Reta Brudd thought the Convention Center did a remarkable job of meeting all of our requirements.

Mike Cutrano requested chairs at the end of each aisle for visitors that need a rest between rows.

Janet Czuchra thought all went well and that the Star Wars characters were such a tremendous hit.

Garrett Gray praised **Don Budny** and **Ron Centanni** for having a very efficient system in the parking lot. **Ron Centanni, Brian M. Younker** and **Don Budny** have parking down to a science. He also stated that he talked to Rex who is in charge of the Star Wars characters and they want to return next year. He suggested placing the character pictures on the advertisements/flyers next year to draw in bigger crowds. He received good feedback which is a testament to the good people of the Community Resources Commission. **Garrett Gray** also recognized **Janet Czuchra's** son, Chris Czuchra, who was a go-getter the entire day, received so many compliments, was a huge help.

Reta Brudd stated the cost of having the Star Wars characters was a donation to a charity group and the charity selected was Tinley Wish.

Al Siegers suggested sending a thank you note to the Star Wars characters for participating and having such a great booth attraction. TNT Dance kept parents to the end so need to keep them in that time slot near the end.

Reta Brudd suggested having TNT Dance back next year and having them in the same time slot as parents are brought in at the end of the day and then visit the vendors. Also would like to open up the schedule to have Dance Images perform in the morning as their group was very interested in participating with a performance. They really want to come and perform again. The game show presented by Loren from Fun, Fun, Fun DJ was a great attraction and we should consider adding that again next year.

Garrett Gray thinks we should have a picture of the Star Wars characters visiting with people at Discover Tinley on our brochure and advertising for next year. Good feedback from the people and the success is a testament to the good people of the CRC and with the effort and the support of the village. When you work together good things happen. Feels very proud to be part of this team.

Al Siegers stated that the event was full of volunteers from other commissions and thanked **Garrett Gray** for his kind words. Would like to have VOLUNTEER Name Tags for all commission volunteers to wear at all future events.

Denise Maly-Politano stated we need to refund \$60.00 to Bulldogs as they were shorted a booth. Asked if Bettenhausen paid.

Al Siegers stated we need to invoice Bettenhausen.

Reta Brudd reminded everyone to turn in all bills within the next few days before the April 30th cut-off. Stated Bulldogs was thrilled to receive Joliet Slammers tickets and they would be used to reward their players.

Sheri Reiplinger said all went well. Room was full of the early birds. Had more than enough kids up front to help.

Ron Centanni wants to commend the student volunteers from Tinley Park High School. Several years they have been very, very generous with the number of students that they give us for volunteers. Great participation that helps out a lot. Wendy Bumphis has helped out a lot. They are good kids, Honor Students. While working with NHS kids you only have to tell them one what to do and how to do it and they work well. Moving in with the kids was great. Not sure we need to have kids help with leaving as most vendors clear out by themselves. Also inquired about any other sources of student helpers. **Reta Brudd** suggested contacting the Girl Scouts next year for additional help but they need to be notified in January for scheduling.

Mike Sevier commented that his neighbor said she didn't see the kid's area. Suggested maybe more signage directing people down to that area and do a promo on Tinley TV. Thought everyone did a great job, he was pleased with all of the help. Also stated he went around and spoke with the vendors telling them there were no carts available until after three, they need to stay until three, etc. Some were not happy that they were forced to stay until 3:00 p.m. as some wanted or needed to leave early. Stated that Salinas' voiced his complaint about not being happy that he had to stay until 3:00. Mike's boss was there and she loved the event, thought it was a great event, we did a great job, great help. Another complaint was the entertainment area was too loud and drowned out the vendors in the first few rows.

Al Siegers stated he spoke with the Trader Magazine vendors who loved the event and thought it was one of the best they have ever been to. Never seen anything as organized, never seen the student volunteers bringing things to the booth. Will spread the word and will return next year. Also thinks we should cut back on the program number. He also spoke with Lauren about speaker placement to cut down on the volume.

Reta Brudd suggested having the rows move back about five feet because it is loud and the entertainment area is very dark. Also stated that due to scheduling conflicts, CRC switched with Brew & Vine to host Discover Tinley one week later, April 9, 2017.

Al Siegers did not think it was possible to move the rows back any further as it would interfere with the electrical outlets and cords.

Scholarships

Don Budny reported on the Scholarship program. Letters and application packets were mailed out to the schools February 10th, with a return date/postmark of April 1st at 5:00 p.m. Received 41 applications, 16 male and 25 female. There were 17 applicants from Andrew H.S., 16 applicants from Tinley Park H.S., 1 from St. Ignatius, 1 from Brother Rice, 1 from Mt. Carmel, 1 from Chicago Christian, 1 from Marist, 2 from Lincoln-Way North, 1 from St. Lawrence.

Reta Brudd stated the award presentation is May 17th, location to be determined. If anyone attends, please wear your red or blue shirt. Reta had a conversation with our newest attendees

and told them that she hoped that they would show the respect to these children that they deserve and that it is a 24-30 minute presentation. The gentleman she talked to assured her they would show respect to the scholarship winners. This is a nonpolitical issue and a presentation for the students.

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No items.

New Business

Ron Centanni stated that Patrick Leonard, his contact at Lincoln-Way North High School was transferred to Lincoln-Way East and will be the Youth in Government contact person there next year. Ron would like to see the Youth in Government date change to later in the year or early February/March if possible to avoid school conflicts, National Honor Society and other school commitments.

Reta Brudd did not think that was feasible as it would interfere with the budget and Discover Tinley. Thinks we need to send out a calendar alert so the schools know the dates.

Ron Centanni would like to present his idea to the village board for input. Schools do not have a lot of time to select kids in the first month of school.

Adjournment

There being no other business, a motion was made by **Barbara Rose Whalen**, seconded by **Garrett Gray** to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.