

Tinley Park Sister Cities Commission

Minutes, August 20, 2025

7:00 p.m. Kallsen Center

The August 20, 2025 meeting was held in the Kallsen Center and called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Chairman David Niemeyer who led the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call:

- Recognize Commission members present: Chairman David Niemeyer; Secretary/Commissioner Roxane Tyssen; Commissioners: Lucas Hawley – vice chairman, Isam Kiswani, Jim Muller, , Michele Rons
- Absent: Commissioners: Katy Brand, George Rohde; Trustee Liaison, William Brady;
- Staff Liaison: N/A

Approval of Minutes:

- April 2025 minutes were read and approved.

Sister City Updates:

Büdingen, Germany Update:

- Jim Muller updated the commission on their trip to Büdingen and the Medieval Fest.
- Roxane Tyssen relayed that Johann Georg has reached out to her regarding his daughter being an exchange student at one of the Tinley Park high schools. She will reach out to the principals at each school and see what is needed from all parties (Ysenberg's, Andrew/Tinley Park high schools, and the host family).
- Katy Tietz Brand has donated some Sister Cities items to the commission that were from the early days of the program.
- Roxane Tyssen announced that in 2029 we will be celebrating our 40-year anniversary with Büdingen (and her 20 year). Next year, the commission will need to start thinking of ways in which we will celebrate the anniversary – both here and in Büdingen.

Mallow, Ireland Update:

- Nothing to report.

Nowy Sącz, Poland:

- Nothing to report.

Prospective Sister Cities:

Jordan, Aqaba:

- Roxane Tyssen spoke with Mr. Swiess, the Consul General of the Jordanian Embassy in Chicago and gave an update on Aqaba. He will be reaching out to our contact in Aqaba as he will be going there soon for business.

Municipality of Ghadamis, Libya:

- Nothing to report.

Old Business:

- Nothing to report.

New and Continuing Business:

- Dave Niemeyer and Hannah Lipman will be presenting at a conference in Miami at the end of October,

Public comments/Announcements:

- There was no public in attendance.

Adjourned:

- Roxane Tyssen made a motion was made to adjourn, Lucas Hawley seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 17, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Kallsen Center.