

SISTER CITY COMMISSION

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE SISTER CITY COMMISSION OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS OCTOBER 16, 2024

On October 16, 2024, a meeting of the Sister City Commission was held at 3:30p.m. in City Hall with Chair Patrick Roesler presiding.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following commissions present: Patrick Roesler, Tom Menold, Tom Stanesa, Randy Couri, Diane Joseph, Karin Smith, Tim Doyle, Jim Dillon, Jim Spears, Patricka Melaik, Julie Enzenberger.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of July 17, 2024, meeting were approved on motion of Jim Spears, seconded by Diane Joseph.

CLONMEL UPDATE

Jim Dillon reported that they are trying to reconnect the sister city schools.

Jim Dillon reported that the 2024 Irish Fest was a huge success. Very nice weather and great collaboration with the Peoria Park District.

Jimmy Spears reported on the celebration of life for former Clonmel Mayor Ted Boyle, hosted at Jimmy's bar.

Other upcoming activities include Irish Derby on Oct 26, 2024, Pub Crawl on Feb 1, 2025, Trivia Skype with Carry's bar on April 2, 2025.

FRIEDRICHSHAFEN UPDATE

Patrick Roesler introduced the student exchange for 2025 – kids from Friedrichshafen staying with host families in the Peoria area.

Patrick Roesler provided an update leadership change in Friedrichshafen. Simon Blumcke is the new Mayor of Friedrichshafen and Matthias Benz, CEO of Zeppelin Group

Planning for the 50th anniversary of the sister city relationship (2026) will begin at the start of the second quarter of 2025.

BENXI UPDATE

No report provided

AYTOU UPDATE

Randy Couri provided an update on the conditions in Aytou in context with the conflict between Israel and the Hamas group.

Diane Joseph gave a report on the Aytou Relief Committee that continues to furnish medicine to Aytou.

OTHER

Patrick Roesler was appointed by Mayor Ali as Chair of the Commission Effective October 1, 2024

A reception is planned for November 13, 2024, to celebrate and thank Rex Linder for his service and achievements as Chair of the Peoria Sister City Commission.

CITIZENS' OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

None

NEXT MEETING

January 23, 2025, at 4:30 p.m., room 404 in City Hall

ADJOURNMENT