

**VILLAGE OF HOFFMAN ESTATES
PLATZKONZERT COMMISSION
MINUTES
January 20, 2025**

Members in Attendance:

Gary Pilafas, Chair
Ken Busch
Linda Dressler
Gene Walters
Wendy Schmidt

Members Absent:

Others in Attendance:

Ben Gibbs
Craig Kuehne
Eric Palm
Michala Souronis
Alicia Guerrero

I. Call to Order/Roll Call:

Chairman Pilafas called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. A quorum was present.

II. Approval of Minutes – Commissioner Dressler made a motion to defer approval of the minutes from October 21, 2024. Seconded by Ken Busch. Motion approved by voice vote.

II. New Business

2025 Platzkonzert Germanfest Planning

Topic Areas:

- 1) Site layout: Discussed adding more lighting, different sizes of tents, water solution, and décor.
- 2) Entertainment: Ben confirmed Hello Weekend, and sent videos to commission of other possible bands. He also gave a tentative schedule for bands to play through out weekend. The bands will be German themed. Linda to reach out to HOTT production for dancers. Discussed having a German Makers Mart. Dachshund races are confirmed, and Ben to research seating options for crowd size. Bears game will be playing as well in same location as last year, and will order more chairs to accommodate crowd.
- 3) Food/Beverage: Discussed pricing options and products that will be available.

- 4) Kinderplatz: Will have a kid friendly concession is area. Ben will talk with Public Works to get another tent, and will order 3 games and giveaways. There will be balloon artist, face painting, tent, rotary table. Wendy will work on getting volunteers.
- 5) Games: Discussed adult games and the possibility of having Platz Olympics on Saturday.
- 6) Volunteers: Discussed volunteers needed and giving them vouchers for volunteering.
- 7) Additional Discussion: Ben reviewed schedule of events and gave an update on grants. Craig provided update on marketing. Pawel gave an update on Sponsors. Discussed Master of Ceremonies. Other items discussed included display, budget and expenses, success measurements, photographer parking, and lgo creation.

III. Next Meeting Date

Commission to meet May 12, 2025.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm. Motion to adjourn made by Linda Dressler and seconded by Gene Walters.