

**RIVERSIDE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
TUESDAY, August 19, 2008  
Called for 6:00 p.m.  
At the Doggy-A-GoGo Ribbon Cutting  
East Avenue  
Meeting at the Jem Café  
Forest Avenue**

<b><i>Chamber Board</i></b>	David Moravecek	President
	Rick Rovella	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President
	Chris Canavera	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President - Absent
	Brian Brennan	3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President - Absent
	Dorothy Sikora	Secretary
	Eric Sundstrom	Treasurer
	Alex Gallegos	Director – Absent
	Jerry Cervak	Immediate Past President – Absent

Called to order by President, Dave Moravecek at 6:20 p.m., immediately following the ribbon cutting ceremony and welcome to the Chamber for new member, Shelly Duncan of Doggy-A-GoGo on East Avenue. A brief meeting and refreshments sponsored by the Chamber was held at the Jem Café.

***Attendance***

18 members were present; including Nathan Thiel, Interim Public Works Director.

***Chamber Old, New and For Good of Discussion***

President, Moravecek reminded members that the Person of the Year is set for next Wednesday, August 27, 2008 and tickets are still available.

The most recent Cruise Nite on August 14 was the largest to date. Over 140 cars were on display on Burlington Road and adjoining drive ways. Good weather and the rainout the previous month attributed to the successful evening.

The next and final Car Show of the year is set for Sunday, September 21, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Due to the record crowds last year, the Chamber will be hosting a beer tent at this event. Dave Moravecek has begun the application process with the Village for this event and Eric Sundstrom was asked to have the liability insurance activated. He did advise that the insurance policy was for 3 events, this being the third one. Rick Rovella advised that between 150-175 cars are anticipated to show. The event will be held on both sides of the tracks, like last year.

As a courtesy reminder and due to some meeting location changes, a postcard will be sent to members advising that the September meeting will be held at the library. The October meeting is set to be held at National City Bank of Burlington, per their offer to host it.

***Village Updates***

Nathan Thiel, interim Public Works Director advised that he will send the specs for the lamps for the Forest Avenue Bridge. IDOT is currently working on the bridge but after everything is

complete, the lamps will be ordered and paid for by the Chamber and stored with Public Works until they can be installed.

***Treasurer's Report***

Eric Sundstrom verbally presented the Treasurer's Report. Current checking account balance is \$14,996.18; less expenditures for the past two months totaling \$2,122.00; leaving a balance of \$12,874.18.

***Secretary's Report***

A copy of the Minutes of the Meeting of July 15, 2008 was passed out to all present and will be posted on the Chamber's website.

***Additionally***

Janice Fisher, of the Riverside Public Library, advised that the Library is featured in a new children's book titled *Bats at the Library* by Brian Lies. A special *Batoberfest* event on Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup> from 6-9 p.m. will host the author, as well as crafts, photo opportunities, vendor sales outside the library in the Village lot, etc. Chamber members will be asked to help celebrate this "batty" event with signage, enlarged copies of the book pages for storefront windows, an invitation to be a vendor, or just have "bat" themed events in their businesses. More information from the library will be sent out.

President Moravecek also welcomed new member, Joe Demaro, owner of Buddy Dogs on Burlington. He hopes to be opening soon, now that his permit for construction has been issued.

Olga Sylvester of Sylvester Realty on Burlington, advised that she voiced her concerns to the Village for selecting an out-of-town realtor to represent the Village's recent sale of the pumping station property on the north end of town. It is felt that local businesses should be considered and even though there are five realtors in town, some sort of lottery or bid process should be used by the Village to keep our local businesses included.

***Adjournment***

The meeting was concluded at 6:35 pm. Meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, your attendance is encouraged and appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Sikora, Recording Secretary