

**RIVERSIDE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2009  
Called for 6:00 p.m.  
At the CHEW CHEW, 33 E. Burlington**

<b>Chamber Board</b>	David Moravecek	President
	Rick Rovella	Vice President, Events Coordinator
	Keith Wright	Vice President, Membership
	Dave Vesecky	Vice President, Publicity & Public
Relations		
	Dorothy Sikora	Secretary
	Eric Sundstrom	Treasurer
	Holiday Stroll Chair	Brian Brennan
	Car Show Chair	Rick Rovella
	Steak Fry Chair	Eric Sundstrom

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held outside the building to celebrate the opening of this new Chamber member's business.

Called to order by President, Dave Moravecek at 6:15 p.m. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Dave welcomed new member, Scott Zimmer of Chew Chew, all the members, as well as all the village officials and guests, and thanked everyone for participating.

***Attendance***

Over 40 members and Riverside officials were present.

***Secretary's Report***

A copy of the Minutes of the Meeting of January 20, 2009, was passed out to all present, reviewed, and with a motion from Carol Franzo, seconded by Alex Gallegos, unanimously approved, will stand as recorded, and will be posted on the Chamber's website.

***Treasurer's Report***

Eric Sundstrom presented the Treasurer's Report. Current checking account balance is \$16,289.50. He advised he is preparing the final bill to the Village of Riverside from the EDC which should be around \$3000 for 2008. Katy Rush, the Village Manager, asked that it be delivered immediately since the books were being closed for 2008. A motion from Carol Franzo, seconded by Alex Gallegos, unanimously approved, will stand as recorded, and will be posted on the Chamber's website.

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

Greg Koch, the Village's new Public Works Director was introduced to the group. He gave a brief presentation of upcoming projects for his department, including Centennial Park, East Avenue Resurfacing, Northgate Water Main and 2009 street resurfacing. He advised that the planned sewer lining project could begin in November/December of 2009 and continue in the summer of 2010.

A request from RBHS REEF for funding was received. Joe Dvorak moved, and Carol Franzo seconded, a motion to approve a \$250 donation to REEF. The motion passed.

A request from the Riverside Historical Commission for funding for the West Wall Tower was received. Joan Wiaduck moved, and Scuff Gross seconded, a motion to approve a \$500 donation. The motion passed.

The March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting held at the library will include a brief presentation from the candidates for the Village Board. Sheila Gentile was asked to extend the invitation to all candidates.

Keith Wright, Membership, advised that he has sent out letters for new members, as well as existing members. Current members were reminded to send in their dues

### ***Future Events***

Rick Rovella announced the dates for the three monthly Cruise events are set for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month: June 11, July 9 and August 13. The final Cruise event is set for Sunday, September 20, 2009. Volunteers are always needed.

The Steak Fry is set for Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. A monetary donation from Minuteman will be made instead of beer. Volunteers are being sought for this event. It is hoped that 250 participants can be accommodated.

The Riverside Arts Fair is set for May 16 & 17, 2009, on Burlington. The committee of Deanna Zalas, Erin Malloy and Teresa Marrantino were introduced. Teresa presented an overview of the Fair and different ways for businesses to participate, including handing out post card advertisements, offering discounts during the Fair, hosting a “sneak preview” art piece in a business window. Businesses from other streets would be welcome to set up a booth, as well as information and flyers at the Info Booth.

Eric Sundstrom advised that the Landscape Advisory Commission is planning to sell rain barrels for painting/decorating as a fund raiser and would hope to be involved in the Fair as well.

A volunteer “Friends of the 4<sup>th</sup> Committee” has been formed by JoAnne Kosey, and they are hoping to raise enough funds to have the annual July 4<sup>th</sup> parade continue. They hope to back into the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July concert once the parade is in place.

### ***Additionally***

The Village Manager advised that demolition bids are being sought for the buildings at 613 & 63 E. Burlington. A new parking lot will be created there.

The meeting concluded at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Sikora, Recording Secretary