

**RIVERSIDE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
MINUTES OF MEETING OF
TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2008
Called for 6:00 p.m.
in the Public Meeting Room
of the
Riverside Public Library**

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

Called to order by President Dave Moravecek at 6:05 p.m. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance

15 members were present; including Katy Rush, Village Manager and Jean Sussman, Village representatives; and a representative from Triton College Pat Zinga.

Treasurer's Report

Eric Sundstrom was not present but provided a detailed report for the last two Chamber Events:

Friday, June 20 Steak Fry. A detailed report for the Steak Fry Bills was presented. Costs incurred totaled \$5477.50; Admission Receipts totaled \$6241.00; showing a profit of \$763.50. It was suggested that the income received from the raffles was not included. Discussion regarding the event and improvements for next year included raising the ticket price to \$25; possibly charging for the beer; serving the steak/chicken first and then queuing on to the salad line. It is hoped that Minuteman will again sponsor/donate the beer next year and costs will be lower. The event was sold out and considered a successful and enjoyable evening!

Thursday, July 3 Concert in the Park. A detailed report of bills for the Chamber tent at the concert totaled \$1681.17; receipts totaled \$1851.00; showing a profit of \$169.83. Discussion about this event included the cool weather factor as part of the low profit concern.

Current balance in Checking Account: \$15,662.86.

Secretary's Report

Kevin Frontone (Secretary) was not present.

Village Updates

Katy Rush discussed pending Village issues. Discussions regarding a possible property tax increase are ongoing. NICOR has been in the village working on gas line replacement. Road improvement work on Akenside Road is about to begin. The Village's website shows the 2008 street improvement plan and map for these improvements. The EDC is hosting a Breakfast on Wednesday, September 17, 2008, from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. Jerry Vainisi, Forest Park National

Bank President, will be the guest speaker. Village of Riverside Segway tours will soon be offered through Grumpy's and Jim Reynolds. A new Museum Director, Guy Mechanics, has been appointed. No building permits have been requested for the Village Center but a request for a liquor license was submitted for a prospective restaurant at the Village Center.

Chamber Old, New and For Good of Discussion

The Car show slated for July 10th was rained out. Unfortunately, costs for set up are incurred even if the event is cancelled. This was the first cancelled car show. The next one is set for Thursday, August 14th. Rick Rovella advised that the July sponsor has 500 leis and toothbrushes they would like to distribute at the August event. Carol Franzo, of Riverside Bank will check to be sure it will not conflict with their August sponsorship plans.

The Person of the Year for 2008 is Joann Kosey. The announcement was made at the Steak Fry and the Annual Golf Outing and Dinner are set for Wednesday, August 27, 2008.

The Riverside Public Library took responsibility for producing and sending out membership event post cards in June. Anyone who did not receive one is asked to contact either Janice Fisher or Dorothy Sikora to insure their correct address is added to the mailing.

New Business

Dave Moravecek advised there are two new members; Doggy A Go Go on East Avenue and Buddy Dogs on East Burlington. It is possible a shared ribbon cutting will be held at the businesses for the August Meeting.

Voting

A unanimous vote was cast to approve the assignment of Recording Secretary from Kevin Frontone, who notified President Moravecek of his regretted resignation, to Dorothy Sikora of the Riverside Public Library.

Adjournment

The meeting was concluded at 6:55 pm. Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month, your attendance is encouraged and appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Sikora, Recording Secretary