

**RIVERSIDE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
MINUTES OF MEETING OF
TUESDAY, July 21, 2009
Called for 6:00 p.m.
At the Riverside Public Library**

<i>Chamber Board</i>	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 - Absent
	Car Show Chair	Rick Rovella
	Steak Fry Chair	Eric Sundstrom

Called to order by President Dave Moravecek at 6:04 p.m. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance

19 members and were present, including Village Trustees, Jim Reynolds, Mark Shevitz, Jean Sussman, and Interim Village Manager, Robin Weaver.

Secretary's Report

A copy of the Minutes of the Meeting of June 16, 2009, was passed out to all present, reviewed, and with a motion from Alex Gallegos, seconded by Janice Fisher, 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 which included a recap of the Steak Fry on June 19th. Due to lower ticket sales (only 161 of the projected 250) and weather concerns, there was a net loss of \$83.38. Raffle ticket sales helped with a total of \$750. The 3rd of July Concert Beer & Wine booth supplied a profit of \$713.55. Rain Barrel Sales have netted a profit of \$1178.45. Current balance is \$15,084.31. Alex Gallegos moved, and Dorothy Sikora seconded, unanimously approved, to accept the report as presented, and will be posted on the Chamber's website.

Village Update Report

Village Trustee, Mark Shevitz addressed the Chamber and advised that the plan to turn the 61 & 63 Burlington properties into a parking lot failed approval by the Planning Commission and subsequently the Village Board. A key meeting to learn the options for parking in the Central Business District is scheduled for the August 17, 2009, Village Board meeting, at 7:00 p.m. He invited everyone to come to this meeting to hear about the options and express their concerns. They are hoping to have augmented parking options this year. He then left the meeting

Robin Weaver, Interim Village Manager, advised of a Village meeting on Thursday, July 30, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss ideas for the upcoming Waste Hauling Agreement. An open discussion ensued regarding options for recycling and cost saving possibilities. Village Trustee, Jim Reynolds spoke about options and information he and Trustee Jean Sussman garnered from meeting with staff from the West Central Municipal Conference and the Village of Oak Park. Recycling hazard waste materials such as electronics, batteries and light bulbs are concerns that

will be considered. The Library advised it has become an overwhelming task and burden to maintain this disposal as the sole dropoff point for the Village of Riverside.

Future Events

Fall Festival. A local Girl Scout Troop has approached the Village to host a Fall Festival on October 18th. They will contact members of the Olmsted Society for consideration of reviving the scarecrow building event of past years. No other information at this time.

Cruise Nights: Rick Rovella advised that the July Cruise Night was a huge success, involving 147 cars. Fourteen t-shirts were sold. The split-the-pot fundraiser could not be held due to lack of help. Volunteers were in short supply at the Chamber tent and request for more help for the August 13th Cruise Night are needed. Jonathan Gorney of Young Life offered his organization's members as volunteers; 2 adults for split-the-pot and 6 teens for other duties will be involved.

Additionally, Rick advised that porta-potties will be needed for the next event. Rich Tuscher, Riverside Township Supervisor, suggested submitting a written request to their Board for funding.

Person-of-the-Year. For those who missed the announcement at the Steak Fry; Candy Grace was chosen Person-of-the-Year for 2009. Olga Sylvester of Sylvester Realty has posters and tickets for sale for the August 26, 2009 golf outing at the Oak Brook Golf Club (\$70) and the dinner at Crystal Sky Banquets (\$34).

Farmer's Market. The first week was very successful with everyone selling out. The vendors will bring more products for the next weeks' sales. The Village will be inviting one service organization each week to host a table to advertise their group.

Chamber Old, New and For Good of Discussion

Orders are still being taken for Rain Barrels.

The meeting concluded at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Sikora, Recording Secretary