

**RIVERSIDE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
TUESDAY, October 21, 2008**

**Called for 6:00 p.m.**

**At Buddy Dogs, for Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**

**And then to**

**National City Bank for the Meeting at 7:00 p.m.**

<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
	Brian Brennan	3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President
	Dorothy Sikora	Secretary
	Eric Sundstrom	Treasurer
	Alex Gallegos	Director
	Jerry Cervak	Immediate Past President – Absent

Called to order by President, Dave Moravecek at 7:00 p.m. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

***Attendance***

26 members were present; including Bob Caraher and Jean Sussman, Village Representatives; Village President, Jack Wiaduck; Eric Kollman, EDC; and many representatives from National City Bank who graciously hosted the evenings meeting and reception.

***Treasurer's Report***

Eric Sundstrom presented the Treasurer's Report. Current checking account balance is \$10,582.15; including expenditures for the September Car Show. He will be billing the Village EDC for the car shows which should result in an additional \$3000 income to the Chamber. It is expected that this will be the last year for this cooperative venture.

Eric advised that after speaking with Public Works Director, Nathan Thiel, the cost for lighting the Forest Avenue Bridge is estimated to be \$16,000 for materials plus installation. Chamber will not be able to fund this project alone.

***Secretary's Report***

A copy of the Minutes of the Meeting of September 16, 2008 was passed out to all present, reviewed and will stand as recorded, and will be posted on the Chamber's website.

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

Sheila Gentile, Holiday Trim-a-Tree Chair advised that the trees will be set up on Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 10 a.m. and tree decorating by sponsors will be on Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed for both events and a signup sheet was passed around. Price for Member-sponsored trees are \$85 and non-members \$100. Sheila advised she is keeping a list of groups who have offered to decorate a tree for any sponsor who needs help.

Brian Brennan distributed activity/sponsor forms for the December 5<sup>th</sup> Holiday Stroll. He advised that the November Chamber meeting has been changed to Wednesday, November 12, at 6 p.m. at the Riverside Public Library, to accommodate enough time to place ads and make plans for the Holiday Stroll. This year, Santa will be at the Riverside Bank on the night of the Stroll.

Brian also talked about promoting visiting Santa in the center of town. He is making arrangements to host it in the Rec Department building and suggested businesses may want to offer discounts, coupons or raffles at the event. Two Saturdays in December: 12 and 20, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. have been chosen for this program.

***Village Updates***

Trustee Sussman introduced Eric Kollman of the EDC. He advised that the group is looking at hosting a Sidewalk Street Fair in the spring and also the idea of a Farmer's Market. Concern was raised if a Spring Fair would compete with the Spring Art Fair. Someone suggested a French Market.

***Additionally***

President Moravec expressed appreciation to National City Bank for hosting the meeting and reception; and they in turn thanked Pete Calvetti for catering the event.

The meeting concluded at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Sikora, Recording Secretary