

RIVERSIDE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
MINUTES OF MEETING OF
TUESDAY, September 16, 2008
Called for 6:00 p.m.
At the Riverside Public Library

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

Called to order by President, Dave Moravecek at 6:08 p.m. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance

24 members were present; including Katy Rush, Village Manager; Jean Sussman, Village Representative; and a visit from the Village President, Jack Wiaduck. President Moravecek welcomed Dave Vesecky, the new Branch Manager of First American Bank, and Gary Mechanic, the new director of the Riverside Historical Museum.

Treasurer's Report

Eric Sundstrom presented the Treasurer's Report. Current checking account balance is \$12,717.80; including expenditures for the Person of the Year event which netted the Chamber a \$95 profit.

Singing Winds School, located in the Riverside Methodist Church building on Woodside Road, joined the Chamber.

Secretary's Report

A copy of the Minutes of the Meeting of August 19, 2008 was passed out to all present, reviewed and will stand as recorded, and will be posted on the Chamber's website.

Village Updates

Village Manager, Katy Rush, discussed the past weekend's floods and all the round-the-clock work put in by all the Village employees and officials. She urged everyone to sign up through the Village's website, for E-Flash announcements which convey the most current happenings in Riverside. Everyone expressed their appreciation for all the hard work and diligence in this most recent disaster.

Chamber Old, New and For Good of Discussion

President, Moravecek reminded members of the Economic Development Commission's breakfast on Wednesday, September 20th at 7:30 a.m.

The next and final Car Show of the year is set for Sunday, September 21, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event will be held on both sides of the tracks. Rick asked for help from anyone who is available.

Postcards were sent to all members advising of the meeting dates and events through the end of the year. The October meeting is set to be held at National City Bank on Burlington, but will begin at 7 p.m. since the bank does not close until then, per National City's Anthony Belcaster's request. A ribbon-cutting is planned at Buddy Dogs at 6:30 p.m.

Janice Fisher, of the Riverside Public Library, asked Chamber members to help celebrate the Library's "Batoberfest" event on Friday, October 10th, 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.

Sheila Gentile, Chair of the Holiday Trim-a-Tree project, explained that the Trim-a-Tree date of Saturday, November 22nd is for the installation of the trees, and that Saturday, November 29th will be the date for decorating by sponsors.

The Holiday Stroll is set for Friday, December 5th. The idea to have Santa Claus in the center of town every Saturday and/or Sunday in December after the Stroll was suggested.

Additionally

Chamber members asked Ms. Rush about the previously requested storage pod for Chamber supplies.

Gary Mechanic announced the upcoming Thursday evening lectures at the library on the history of Riverside. The Historical Commission's new website is up and running at www.riversidemuseum.net.

Village President, Jack Wiaduck arrived at 6:40 p.m. He talked about the upcoming tax referendum which will be on the November ballot and asked for support.

Gary Mechanic did point out that Riverside has historically made expensive decisions through the worst economic times.

Scuff Gross, Township Assessor, announced the Board of Review for Appeals is open.

Rick Rovella suggested the idea of a Founders' Day celebration in Riverside, as a new event. It could include celebrating each business, school, organization's founding history.

Art Canavera complimented the Village's efforts in the experimental offering of a Green Dumpster for businesses. He has found it to be used far more than his regular dumpster for recyclable materials.

Scuff Gross thanked Dave Moravec for emceeding the Person of the Year Banquet. Approximately 140 people attended the event in honor of JoAnn Kosey.

The meeting was concluded at 7:20 p.m.

Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month, your attendance is encouraged and appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Sikora, Recording Secretary