

**VILLAGE OF RICHMOND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES– March 8, 2006**

A regular meeting of the Village of Richmond Economic Development Committee was held at 7:30 p.m., March 8, 2006, at the Village of Richmond, 5600 Hunter Drive, Richmond, Illinois.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM.

At Roll Call the following members were present: Barb Gallegos (Richmond Garden Club), Bryce Klontz (McHenry Savings), Lauri Olson (President), Cindy Walleck (Trustee). Absent: Ginene Nagel (Fox and Finch), Paul Hain (District 2 Superintendent).

Bryce Klontz was appointed Chairman for the meeting.

Motion 1: Walleck

Motion 2: Gallegos

Voice Vote

Aye: All Neigh: 0

Minutes from the February 9th meeting were read and approved:

Motion 1: Gallegos Motion 2: Walleck

Voice Vote

Aye: All Neigh: 0

During Additions and/or Deletions Chairman Klontz called for the inclusion of Paul Hain's resignation letter to the Economic Development Commission as item 5b of the agenda.

The Commission then heard a presentation by Cort Carlson, Executive Director of the McHenry County Convention and Visitors Bureau. The bureau is established to offer regional tourism advertising for McHenry County, and can offer local benefits of tourism dollars. Mr. Carlson indicated that a current regional advertisement will reach over 450,000 homes through an ad in the AAA Magazine. The Bureau is also establishing a website that municipalities can link to. The Bureau is currently seeking membership; the fee is based on 25% of the hotel tax dollars collected. The Commission indicated that it will look into and consider membership.

The letter of resignation for Paul Hain was read and accepted by vote of the Commissioners:

Motion 1: Walleck Motion 2: Gallegos

Roll Call Vote

Gallegos: Yes

Klontz: Yes

Nagel: Absent

Olson: Yes

Walleck: Yes

Motion to accept Commissioner Hain's resignation passes unanimously.

Walleck indicated that the draft EDC newsletter for March was sent earlier and that all content should be reviewed and commented on no later than 5:00PM on the 9th to meet the March 10th deadline.

EDC budget report was made by Barb Gallegos. The annual review of the budget for appropriation requests was moved to March 15th so that all Commissioners could be present. The current budget was accepted:

Motion One: Walleck Motion 2: Gallegos

Voice Vote

Aye: All Neigh: 0

Business retentions and prospect report was given. The current list of prospects was updated by Klontz and Walleck.

Progress of the ongoing Central Business District Redevelopment Plan was reported. A merchant indicated concern that she would be expected to pay for upgrades and changes. Chairman Klontz indicated that she would not.

Chairman Klontz introduced discussion of the Richmond Marketing Packet. Walleck indicated that 97% of the information needed was produced. The first draft of the marketing packet was expected soon.

Public comments were taken.

The Commission then entered into closed session:

Motion One: Gallegos Motion Two: Walleck

Voice Vote:

Aye: All Neigh: 0

The Commission came out of closed session indicating that no action had been taken:

Motion One: Walleck

Motion Two: Gallegos

Voice Vote:

Aye: All Neigh: 0

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:49PM:

Motion One: Gallegos

Motion Two: Walleck

Voice Vote:

Aye: All Neigh: 0