

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 8, 2006**

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:35PM.

At Roll Call the following members were present: Charlotte Hollenbach, Bryce Klontz, Cindy Walleck (Trustee), Barb Gallegos.

Lars Anderson was absent.

Bryce Klontz was appointed Chairman for the meeting.

Motion 1: Walleck Motion 2: Hollenbach

Voice Vote

Aye: All Neigh: 0

Minutes from the May 11 and May 13 meetings could not be approved due to lack of voting quorum. Minutes were tabled to the next EDC meeting.

During Announcements/Correspondence Walleck reminded the Commission to begin review of the Village Sign Regulations to prepare for recommendations to Architectural Committee and to prepare for the discussion and placement of the new sign at Steven's Park. Reminder was also made to review the Appearance Review ordinance for Commissioner's independent recommendation/opinion to the Village. Announcement was made that the EDC Marketing Packet was complete and will be housed in Village Hall, at the Chamber office, and will be used for EDC purposes only. Walleck announced that a presentation by Ehlers & Associates was scheduled by the Village on June 15th regarding TIF progress and that the EDC should be present for the information.

Under Additions and/or Deletions, Gallegos asked for grant discussion addition relating to funding for the Village Brochure. Klontz asked for the addition of Strawberry Fest report (added as 9C on the agenda) and addition for discussion of a new idea for a history museum in Richmond (added as 9D on the agenda).

Hollenbach indicated that she would bring grant funding options for the Village Brochure to the next EDC meeting on July 13th.

Chairman Klontz opened discussion of the Downtown Redevelopment Plan Outline. Discussion centered on goals. Klontz updated the new Commissioners a report on how the EDC arrived at the need to produce a redevelopment plan for the downtown Central Business District (CBD). Hollenbach asked if EDC had control of what types of businesses are coming in to the CBD. Walleck stated that control is gained only when and if EDC can engage the building owners before they lease their space. Reference to the business type restrictions in the ordinance was also made. Klontz indicated the important need for EDC to find income producing businesses for the CBD and asked to review the ordinance regarding business restrictions. Hollenbach addressed the skateboarders on Broadway on in Steven's Park. She asked if No Skateboarding signs could be posted in the CBD. Klontz announced that the redevelopment plan outline would be presented to the Village Board to render EDC recommendation for improvements.

During Public Comment Rachel Jackson of Peacock Publicity & Marketing Services introduced her consulting business. Ms. Jackson indicated that she could assist with networking new businesses, promoting Richmond's events, and marketing Richmond to improve consumer interest. The EDC asked Ms. Jackson to send an introductory package regarding her business and her services.

The EDC Budget Report was next on the agenda. Gallegos announced that because the Village had not implemented the changes to the budget resulting from the Village appropriation meeting in May the EDC did not have a budget prepared for discussion.

Under Prospect/Retention Visits, Klontz discussed a developer he knows of who is interested in buying the Ecklund property off of the municipal parking lot and who will intend to build apartments, retail shops and expand the parking lot. Resident Denise Benodeto is looking for land in Richmond to build an Italian Bakery and Deli.

Under new item 9C, Strawberry Fest Report. Klontz discussed the layout and plans for the June 17th event.

Under new item 9D, Richmond Historical Museum. Klontz had discussed the idea of a museum in Richmond that he had discussed with Charlie Eldredge. Charlie has old griss mill equipment in his garage as well as other historical artifacts that would make a good start for a museum in Richmond.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:27PM:

Motion One: Hollenbach Motion Two: Gallegos

Voice Vote:

Aye: All Neigh: 0