

**VILLAGE OF RICHMOND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINTES– September 8, 2005**

A meeting of the EDC was held at 7:30 p.m., September 8, 2005, at the Richmond Village Hall, 5600 Hunter Drive, Richmond, Illinois.

At Roll Call the following members were present: Ginene Nagel (Fox and Finch), Barb Gallegos (Richmond Garden Club), Cindy Walleck (Trustee), Lauri Olson (President), Bryce Klontz. Absent: Rob Cetner, Judy Foy, Judy Cocks.

Meeting called to order at 7:42PM

Introduction of new commissioner Bryce Klontz was made to the board.

August 11 meeting minutes were approved:

Motion 1: Barb Gallegos

Motion 2: Lauri Olson

Voice Vote

Aye: All

Neigh: 0

Prairie Trail Bike Path Update: Walleck presented Metra letter to commission and Olson requesting approval for mailing. Olson approved letter. Walleck will mail out letter to Metra in the next day or so.

President's Report Summary: Walleck followed up Presidents Report issues. Grants will be handled by the Administrator and EDC on a case by case basis. Municipal parking issues will become a board item for discussion. Streetscaping will be enveloped into the R12 Improvement Project.

New Business announced: Walleck reported that Howard Alm has one buyer and two renters for the empty buildings on Broadway. President invited EDC to attend Sept. 20 meeting in Memorial Hall with Soraya of Soraya's School of Dance. Soraya will discuss use of Memorial Hall for studio and how she can assist EDC by implementing a business plan.

Discussion of Marketing Packet: Walleck presented marketing tool to be used by EDC for business and private retention. Community groups will engage in information gathering (Architectural Committee, School D2, Parks Committee, Village administration, etc.). Rob Cetner and Bryce Klontz will build the tool.

No Committee Reports were given

Public comment was taken.

The issue of advertising was brought to the floor. It was decided that Bryce would take on a readership study survey to help EDC determine which advertising venue would best serve Richmond. Discussion of a building maintenance department or business association was discussed. EDC involving the Chamber of Commerce was discussed.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:44PM