

**Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce
Meeting Minutes
February 8th, 2010**



Present: Ray Berg, Siobhan Gorman, Carol Britten, Mark Ouimet, Bob Pierce, Steve Olsen, Hollie Bayer, Michele and Abbie Ingalls, Ken Ascher, Lori Fordham, Chris Kanta, Jana Miller, Jeff Wallace, Bill Chizmar, Julia Gregg, Sue Gisting, Karl Racenis, Janet Larsen, Shawn Lewis-Lakin, Kathy Roberts, Rose Cousino, Elizabeth Beaudoin, Kari Newman, and Sharon Curtis.

Called to Order at 12:30

1.) Approval of Agenda: A motion to approve the agenda was made and supported.

Program: Proposed Regional Project - Balancing Nature and Commerce in Communities that Neighbor Public Lands

Bob Pierce, Executive Director, Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce, discussed Manchester's potential involvement in a new initiative to work with regional public parks, such as Waterloo, to increase community involvement and to bring park visitors into the neighboring communities. A training meeting will be held for member communities interested in the program, likely in September. Preferably 4-8 members per chamber are requested. Finalized dates will be given as soon as possible. Please reference handout given at meeting.

Secretary's Report: Approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Approved as submitted.

Reports from Standing Committees:

Manufacturers- Paradyne added 6-8 employees to the Manchester Community.

Membership- Annual Report and dues statements were sent out a few weeks ago.

DDA- No updates

Old Business:

A.) Business Expo/Golf Outing/Farmers Market Planning: Additional volunteers needed for the Business Expo, please contact Ray Berg if interested. Volunteers needed for 2010 Golf Outing, please contact Janet Larson if interested. Farmers Market is being managed by Irene Stedman and Donna Stockwell - please contact them if able to help in any way.

B.) M-52/Streetscape Update – Karl Racenis gave us information and updated us on the current standing of the project. Please contact him for additional information and details.

New Business:

A.) President's Report –

Facebook- Michele Ingalls has volunteered to manage the Chamber/DDA Facebook Fan page.

MACC liability insurance- Talked about how we may want to consider this for our events in the future. More research will be done and will be discussed further at our meetings.

B.) Post Office lobby 24 hour plan- Ray asked for each member to e-mail him if we have a need for the post office to be restructured for box entry after 6:00pm.

C.) Manchester will be featured in an upcoming issue of *American Road*, for which the Chamber supplied photos and information.

D.) Commissioner Mark Ouimet provided an update on County matters.

Adjournment- A motion was made to adjourn and was supported.