

## **Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce**

General Membership Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2011

12:00 Noon, Dan's River Grill

Attendees: Ray Berg, David Veselenak, Karl Racenis, Carol Britten, Bill Gaul, Ron Mann, Bruce Bates, Peggy Allen, Barry Allen, Carl Curtis, Sharon Curtis, Kevin Sterling, Matt Pegouskie (CWF), Kathy Spiegel, Jody Flowers, Jeff Wallace, Shawn Lewis-Lakin, Janet Larson, Jim Mann, Becky Hatto, Rep. Mark Ouimet, Elizabeth Beaudoin, Rose Cousino

Meeting called to order at 12:30 PM, introductions, agenda motioned for approval by Barry Allen, second by Carl Curtis, approved. New members/representatives Becky Hatto, Kathy Spiegel and Bill Gaul were acknowledged.

**Program:** Ray Berg, Karl Racenis, Shawn Lewis-Lakin and Matt Pegouskie (CWF) reviewed the formation, status and activities of the Manchester Wellness Coalition, which was formed in response to the Chelsea-Area Wellness Foundation's call for community wellness planning and a comprehensive approach to interaction with the CWF. The timeline of events, the preparation of the Manchester Community Assessment, the interview with the CWF Comprehensive Wellness Committee, and the lead-off steps to mapping our community's health-related assets and health data were also presented. Interested persons wishing to join the MWC are welcome.

Representative Mark Ouimet presented an update on current issues with budget planning and proposed legislation in Lansing, and answered members' questions.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion to approve Carl Curtis, second Peggy Allen, approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion to approve Shawn Lewis-Lakin, second Carl Curtis, approved.

### **Reports from Standing Committees:**

Manufacturers: Jeff Wallace reported on the recent AMCOR expansion.

Membership: Sharon Curtis - 73 renewals to date.

Website: Karl Racenis - Report on website usage and most-viewed pages.

DDA: Karl Racenis - Streetscape planning update.

### **Old Business:**

Ray Berg provided an update on the Community Business Expo planning for June 2. We are currently at 18 registrants as of April 11. Committee will meet later in April to review details and confirm activities.

Kevin Sterling provided an update on the MACC/CRC Golf Outing planning for June 11. It will be a Saturday event at Hills Heart of the Lakes Golf Course. Materials have been sent to Chamber members and previous golfers/sponsors. Additional volunteers to help the day of the event are sought.

Ray Berg reported that the Village Council has approved the Farmers Market street closure for Adrian Street beginning Thursday May 5.

Janet Larson provided an update on the recent Washtenaw Council of Chambers meeting, and planning for a social media workshop/training session. The next meeting will be in Milan on May 17.

**New Business:**

Ray Berg provided the following updates:

- The HBO series *Undaunted Courage* is delayed until at least 2012, for reasons unrelated to the Michigan Film Credits situation. We received positive comments about the various locations in Manchester examined for potential filming.
- Work continues on pre-engineering and design for the Manchester Shared-Use Trail, as well as investigation of funding sources. Report will be issued in May and a public information meeting will be scheduled. The Healthy Communities Walking Group walked a portion of the proposed trail on March 26.
- The Manchester 2011 promotion brochure, prepared in cooperation with other community organizations, was presented.
- The next Council of Chambers meeting is May 17 in Milan.
- The Heritage Newspapers' *Washtenaw County Directory* is in printing. This replaces the former Manchester directory. The Chamber placed an ad in this directory.
- New members Hickory Hill Lawn Care, Manchester Auto Parts and Gaul Painting Co. were acknowledged.

The Ann Arbor Street Art Fair's Townie Street Party is Monday, July 18. The Chamber will participate in this event with a promotion booth, similar to the past two years.

Meeting adjourned 1:45 PM.