

## **Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce**

### **General Membership Meeting Minutes**

**October 11, 2010**

**12:00 Noon, Dan's River Grill**

Attendees: Ray Berg, Rick Taepke, Barry Allen, Peggy Allen, Elizabeth Beaudoin, Carol Britten, Jody Flowers, Carl Curtis, Sharon Curtis, Chris Kanta, Julia Gregg, Jeff Wallace, Janet Larson, Kathy Roberts, Jesse O'Jack, Bonnie Greenwald, Ken Ascher, Shawn Lewis-Lakin, Jim Mann, Jana Miller

Meeting called to order at 12:30 PM, introductions, agenda motioned for approval as amended by Barry Allen, second Carl Curtis, approved.

#### Program

Michael Benham, Ann Arbor Transportation Authority, presented the ongoing 30-year plan entitled "Moving You Forward – The 30-Year Plan", discussing the Washtenaw County transit program, and answering members' questions and concerns. The Shared Community Vision report will be available on-line shortly, and the AATA is continuing a series of public forums throughout October.

Secretary's Report – none

Treasurer's Report – Motion to approve by Sharon Curtis, second by Barry Allen, report approved.

#### Reports from Standing Committees

Manufacturers – Jeff Wallace provided a brief update on activities.

Membership – two new members, currently at 105 members.

DDA – no report

Website/Facebook – no report

#### Old Business

Oktoberfest – Members discussed the results of Oktoberfest September 18 and feedback from participants and volunteers.

Gateway Communities Initiative – Ray Berg presented the results from the Manchester team participating in the GCI workshop. Manchester will initiate three GCI projects, consisting of a shared-use path along the old railbed in cooperation with Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation, a German-heritage set of tours combined with agri-tourism aspects, and "Day in Manchester" tour events.

Art Walk Update – The ArtWalk is October 24-26, Dee Miles is our local coordinator. There are three Manchester-area artists participating in our first year as part of the ArtWalk.

Caramel Apple Event – Sharon Curtis and Barry Allen provided an update on planning for the October 31 event on the Manchester Mill porch.

Christmas in the Village planning – Ray Berg led the discussion on C in V planning and the events which will be held. The committee will meet later this week to finalize the plans.

### **New Business**

President's Report – The Chamber is co-sponsoring with Manchester Community Schools a rural road bicycle race called "Wild Side Ride", tentatively planned for June 18, 2011. The Chamber is considering a PureMichigan™ licensing agreement for greater participation with this State of Michigan program. The Chamber will discuss marketing opportunities with the Dainava camp west of town. The CRC held its Visioning Day on October 2. The Chamber has nominated Irene Stedman as our Volunteer of the Year for the CRC Banquet on November 12. Tony Garcia of the Michigan Film Office contacted the Chamber for assistance on a potential film project involving dairy farm locations. SPARK held a regional update meeting in Chelsea on September 24. The Chamber will attend an AAACVB update meeting on October 12, and a Council of Chambers meeting on October 13. The Chamber thanked Jana Miller of the *Manchester Enterprise* for her excellent coverage of Chamber activities over the last year.

The Chamber has agreed to tree trimming for the seasonal lighting display due to the delay in the Streetscape program. Lighting should be on around November 15.

Elizabeth Beaudoin provided an announcement concerning the upcoming Washtenaw County Natural Areas Preservation Millage on November 2.

The HVA provided an announcement of an upcoming drive-through flu shot clinic.

The Michigan DNRE provided an announcement concerning the revised Passport Perks program.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 PM.