

**Chamber of Commerce in Culver**  
**Board of Directors' Meeting – The Culver Coffee Co.**  
**July 31, 2007 – 7:30 AM**

The Chamber of Commerce in Culver board of directors held their monthly meeting with the following in attendance: Mike Stallings, president, Greg Fassett, vice-president, Ralph Winters, Rick Tompos, Dick Brantingham, Dawn Minas, Scott Huberty, and Judi Dodge. Also present were Jack Cunningham, SCC chairman, and Bobbie Ruhnow, executive secretary.

Minutes of the June 2007 board meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Tompos seconded by Fassett.

There was no treasurer's report. Stallings announced the sale of one banner at Lake Fest. Noted more could have been sold if the price had been reduced. Also announced that three more members had been added to our roster – Diva (Sue McInturff), Gladies' (Jeff Willhite) and Studio 3 Interior Designs (Anne Fassett).

**Old Business**

Dodge announced that four people had volunteered to decorate frames as discussed in the June, 2007 meeting. Dodge suggested using uniquely decorated frames as a possible fund raising effort. Dodge will continue with the project and bring an example to the next board meeting.

Cunningham and Brantingham, members of the Second Century Steering Committee, discussed a possible revision of the SCC's by-laws. Referring to Section 2 under Article VII, the Steering Committee suggests allowing a separate treasurer for SCC who would be a voting member of the committee. If approved by the board of directors, the amendment could be ratified at the next general meeting of SCC, September 11, 2007. The amendment will allow Tompos to act as treasurer of the SCC and be a voting member of the Steering Committee. Tompos noted that there was no conflict in this change in either SCC by-laws or the Culver Chamber's by-laws or in our 501C status. Fassett made the motion to allow the Second Century Committee to make a draft of the change to Section 2 and bring it back to the board of directors for action at the August 28, 2007 meeting. The motion was seconded by Winters and approved unanimously.

Kathy Clark is secretary of the SCC and will assume all duties of that position, but Ruhnow will continue to send postcards and receive mail due to keeping the same PO address and SCC sharing a tax-exempt ID as a sub-committee of the Chamber.

The Steering Committee is actively pursuing new membership and seeking input on further projects to benefit the community, Cunningham said. Emphasis will be put on persons wishing to be involved in community improvement that are not necessarily members of the Chamber of Commerce in Culver.

A recap of the SCC's ten-year progress will be put in report form for publishing. Interest in another community charrette will be explored, Cunningham noted.

Stallings commented on the great downtown appearance of Bourbon and North Judson and questioned if grant money was available for sidewalks and curbing for Culver's downtown area. Main Street USA and Rural Development grants seem to have been made available to many area small towns, however, Culver's medium income base may preclude receiving grant money.

**Publicity Committee Report**

A basic list of items to be included in a “Welcome to Culver” packet has been developed by the publicity committee, Tompos announced. With the approval of the board, the committee will continue to develop a final plan for distribution, storage, and publishing. Board members agreed that the committee should continue. Tompos also suggested that our 1024 application (tax-exempt status) and determination letter be posted on our web site.

**New Business**

Ruhnnow suggested we showcase the Culver Union Township Park at one of the dinner meetings and have it catered. Also, noted we have members with whom we could partner in a fund-raising event that have the correct tax-exempt status for a raffle. Stallings noted that the Uptown Cinema might be a good venue for an October fest event.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 AM.

Bobetta Ruhnnow  
Executive Secretary