

**DOWNRIVER COMMUNITY CONFERENCE
REGULAR MEETING – November 5, 2009**

Item #3

Present:

Allen Park	Mayor Gary Burtka
Brownstown Twp.	Trustee Barbara Warren
Dearborn	Alternate Bill Irving, Asst. Corporation Counsel
Dearborn Heights	
Ecorse	
Flat Rock	Councilman Jonathan Dropiewski
Gibraltar	
Grosse Ile Twp.	Alternate William Krauss
Huron Twp.	Supervisor Elke Doom
Lincoln Park	Mayor Frank Vaslo
Melvindale	Mayor Valerie Cadez
River Rouge	
Riverview	Mayor Tim Durand
Rockwood	Mayor Daniel Guzzi
Romulus	Delegate Tim Keyes, Economic Development Director
Southgate	
Taylor	Alternate Laurie Trueblood
Trenton	Councilman Terry Teifer
Woodhaven	
Wyandotte	

The meeting was opened by the Chair Terry Teifer, at 6:14 p.m. with community roll call and introductions.

Agenda: Motion by Mayor Durand, supported by Delegate Trueblood, to accept the agenda as presented with two new business items (Aerotropolis/Next Michigan Legislation and The Senior Alliance). The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: Motion by Delegate Keyes, supported by Councilman Dropiewski, to accept the minutes of 10/1/09 as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Nominating Committee Report: Mayor Tim Durand, Nominating Committee Chair, reported that the Nominating Committee is presenting the following slate of officers to serve during the 2010 calendar year (all are currently interested in continuing in their same capacities): Councilman Terry Teifer of Trenton, as Chair; Mayor Valerie Cadez of Melvindale as Vice Chair; Economic Development Director Tim Keyes of Romulus as Treasurer; and Mayor Frank Vaslo of Lincoln Park as Secretary. Nominations will be open until the December meeting, at which time a formal election will take place per the By-laws.

Motion by Mayor Burtka, supported by Trustee Warren, to accept the Nominations as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

The Senior Alliance (TSA): Cherie Mollison and Debra Waugh updated the DCC Board on the TSA board reorganization, reducing the membership significantly (there will be six (6) members from the DCC Board and six (6) members from the Conference of Western Wayne). They will hold six meetings per year at their offices in Wayne. Jason Maciejewski and Bob Brown will make a formal presentation after TSA's December meeting. They requested volunteers to serve from the DCC Board/region. A follow-up e-mail will be sent to board members.

Aerotropolis / Next Michigan Legislation: Economic Development Director Tim Keyes of Romulus presented a resolution for support (a hand-out was distributed) of the Aerotropolis/Next Michigan Legislation which offers the promise of the creation of 60,000 good jobs in our region. Discussion followed. Motion by Delegate Keyes, supported by Alternate Trueblood, to accept the resolution as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Norma Wurmlinger is retiring: Mayor Tim Durand reminded everyone that Mayor Norma Wurmlinger of Southgate is retiring. Her retirement party is on November 15th. He asked for Cari Eggleton to forward the e-mail notice to everyone for their information.

Remarks from the Audience:

Barbara McCallahan of Senator Debbie Stabenow's office reported that (1) an extension has been approved for those receiving unemployment benefits; (2) there is a new home buyer tax credit being offered; (3) new tax refunds being provided to businesses; and (4) 2010 appropriations approved \$200,000 in funding for the COPS program. Jim Perry thanked Barbara McCallahan and Senator Stabenow's office for all their support! Barbara added that board members may read additional updates on their website www.senatorstabenow.com.

Senator Ray Basham provided updates on the current State financial picture.

Motion by Alternate Trueblood, supported by Mayor Cadez, to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.