

**DOWNRIVER COMMUNITY CONFERENCE
REGULAR MEETING – February 4, 2016**

Item #3

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<u>Present:</u>	Allen Park	Mayor Bill Matakas
	Brownstown Twp.	Deputy Supervisor Barbara Warren
	Dearborn	Mayor Jack O'Reilly
	Dearborn Heights	Mayor Dan Paletko
	Ecorse	Mayor Lamar Tidwell
	Flat Rock	Mayor Jonathan Dropiewski
	Gibraltar	Mayor Pro-Tem Denis Boismier
	Grosse Ile Twp.	Supervisor Brian Loftus
	Huron Twp.	Supervisor David Glaab
	Lincoln Park	Mayor Tom Karnes
	Melvindale	
	River Rouge	Alternate Karl Laub, Community Dev. Director
	Riverview	Mayor Andrew Swift
	Rockwood	Alternate Stephen Rowe, Police Chief
	Romulus	Tim Keyes, Economic Development Director
	Southgate	Alternate Bryce Kelley, City Administrator
	Taylor	
	Trenton	Alternate Jim Wagner, City Administrator
	Woodhaven	Councilman Dan Duderstadt
	Wyandotte	

The meeting was opened by the Chair, Mayor Jack O'Reilly 6:14 p.m. with community roll call.

Agenda: Motion by Alternate Wagner, supported by Alternate Kelley, to accept the agenda as presented, with one addition – Check over \$5,000. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: Motion by Supervisor Glaab, supported by Deputy Supervisor Warren, to accept the minutes of the regular board meeting of 12/3/15 as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive-Finance Committee Report

Minutes of 1/5/2016: Motion by Mayor Dropiewski, supported by Mayor Pro-Tem Boismier, to accept the Executive-Finance Committee minutes of 1/5/2016 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Election of Officers:

Supervisor David Glaab presented a slate of officers to serve for the 2016 Administrative Year, based on the interest conveyed/responses received. Three of the current serving officers expressed interest in continuing to serve as an officer, and one other board member expressed interest. The DCC By-laws recommends the Vice Chair advance to Chair, Treasurer advance to Vice-Chair and Secretary advance to Treasurer. The following nominations were presented at the December 2015 meeting.

Chair:	Mayor Daniel Guzzi, Rockwood
Vice Chair:	Mayor Jonathan Dropiewski, Flat Rock
Treasurer:	Supervisor David Glaab, Huron Township
Secretary:	Mayor Lamar Tidwell, Ecorse
Immediate Past Chair,	Mayor Jack O'Reilly, Dearborn and Previous Past Chair, Mayor Joseph Peterson, will serve as officers on the Executive Committee.

Supervisor Glaab asked three times if there were any nominations from the floor. Hearing none, motion by Mayor O'Reilly, supported by Delegate Keyes, to elect the board officers as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Weatherization Program Update: Jim Perry announced that DCC is working with Wayne Metro Community Action Agency on a Weatherization grant. He said the State is changing how the grants are awarded so we plan to sub-contact with Wayne Metro. Sue Pilon provided details on the grant. Michigan Department of Health and Human Services mandated that bidders may only bid to serve an entire county, so DCC is seeking to sub-contact with Wayne Metro who is already providing Weatherization services in five of DCC's member communities, in addition to serving the remaining communities in Wayne County. DCC would continue to serve the existing fifteen communities with this sub-contact. She said Wayne Metro needs three letters of reference, and asked that the DCC Board be one of the references. Motion by Delegate Keyes, supported by Alternate Kelley, for Sue Pilon to write a letter of reference on behalf of the DCC Board, with Mayor Jack O'Reilly's input and signature. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

FEMA: Jim Perry gave an update about FEMA. We received word that FEMA has obligated funds to Michigan Homeland Security to process payment to DCC for the flood damages that occurred in August 2014.

Check over \$5,000: Motion by Alternate Wagner, supported by Alternate Kelley, to approve payment of check for Purvis & Foster for \$5,249.00 for boiler repair as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

HB 4686: Information items #8c&d in the packet were resolutions from Romulus and Taylor supporting HB 4686. Mayor O'Reilly gave updates on the bill explaining how this affects sidewalks in each of our member communities. Discussion followed. Under the open and obvious law, landowners are not responsible for hazards or defects on their premises if the hazard is considered "open and obvious" and there to be seen. Currently, the open and obvious defense can only be used by private landowners. House Bill 4686 seeks to change this by allowing cities and townships to use the defense as well. Motion by Mayor Matakas, supported by Supervisor Glaab, that the DCC approve a separate resolution supporting HB 4686. The motion passed unanimously.

Veterans Memorial in Riverview: Councilman Elmer Trombley of Riverview announced the upcoming unveiling of the new Veterans Memorial scheduled for Memorial Day. He is raising funds to cover the granite monument.

Supervisor David Glaab welcomed Justice Wilder to board meeting.

Next board meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Alternate Kelley, supported by Delegate Keyes, to adjourn at 6:34 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.