

**DOWNRIVER COMMUNITY CONFERENCE
REGULAR MEETING – September 8, 2016**

Item #3

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<u>Present:</u>	Allen Park	Mayor Bill Matakas
	Brownstown Twp.	Deputy Supervisor Barbara Warren
	Dearborn	Alternate Bill Irving, Asst. Corporation Council
	Dearborn Heights	Mayor Dan Paletko
	Ecorse	Mayor Lamar Tidwell
	Flat Rock	Mayor Jonathan Dropiewski
	Gibraltar	Mayor Pro-Tem Denis Boismier
	Grosse Ile Twp.	
	Huron Twp.	Supervisor David Glaab
	Lincoln Park	Mayor Tom Karnes
	Melvindale	Mayor Pro-Tem Wheeler Marsee
	River Rouge	Mayor Michael Bowdler
	Riverview	Councilman Elmer Trombley
	Rockwood	Mayor Dan Guzzi
	Romulus	
	Southgate	Alternate John Zech, City Administrator
	Taylor	Alternate Bob Dickerson, Chief of Staff
	Trenton	Alternate Jim Wagner, City Administrator
	Woodhaven	Councilman Dan Duderstadt
	Wyandotte	

The meeting was opened by the Chair, Mayor Dan Guzzi 6:24 p.m. with introductions of any newcomers.

Wayne County Commissioner Ray Basham spoke briefly about the grade separations in Woodhaven and Romulus, noting the strength in working together between Wayne County, DCC and CWW to get the projects funded.

Community roll call followed.

Agenda: Motion by Alternate Wagner, supported by Deputy Supervisor Warren, to accept the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: Motion by Mayor Tidwell, supported by Supervisor Glaab, to accept the minutes of the regular board meeting of 5/5/2016 as presented. The motion passed unanimously

Executive-Finance Committee Report:

Minutes of 5/5/2016 and 8/29/2016: Motion by Supervisor Glaab, supported by Mayor Dropiewski, to accept the minutes of the Executive-Finance Committee held 5/5/16 and 8/29/16, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

DCC Budget 2016-2017:

The budget was included in the packet for review. Sue Pilon reported that there were no major reductions in DCC's regular program budgets. Discussion followed. Motion by Supervisor Glaab, supported by Mayor Pro-tem Boismier, to approve the 2016-2017 budget as presented. The motion passed unanimously

DCC Assessment Dues:

DCC dues will remain the same at \$4,750. Motion by Supervisor Glaab, supported by Deputy Supervisor Warren, to approve the DCC assessment dues as presented. The motion carried.

New Business:

DCC's 40th Anniversary Mayor Bill Matakas noting the update provided in the Executive-Finance Committee minutes about planning the 40th Anniversary celebration, suggested looking into the possible venue of the International Wildlife Refuge for some time in late June, as DCC is the fiduciary of this project.

Brownfield Program: Mayor Bill Matakas expressed his concern for the issue with matching funds for the Brownfield Program Jim Perry said that Paula Boase, the Program Director, will be talking to the Brownfield Board of Directors on how to best address this. Sue Pilon said the program grant requires non-federal match funds.

Allen Road Grade Separation. Councilman Dan Duderstadt emphasized the importance of communities uniting on issues for strength He expressed thanks to Commissioner Basham for noting his support tonight, and to DCC for efforts to get a letter of support prepared for tonight to place this on the ballot for November for bond approval, but Woodhaven withdrew the request at the last minute He appreciates DCC support for future submission of another TIGER grant. Woodhaven recently opened their second fire station to help get emergency service to residents, since trains are often stopped at the Allen Road crossing for extended periods.

Pt. Moullee Water Fowl Festival: Councilman Elmer Trombley said the Pt. Moullee Water Fowl Festival is this weekend on Saturday and Sunday for anyone who is interested.

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Boismier, supported by Mayor Matakas, to adjourn at 6.40 p.m. The motion passed unanimously