DOWNRIVER COMMUNITY CONFERENCE REGULAR MEETING – December 1, 2016

<u>Present</u> Allen Park Mayor Bill Matakas

Brownstown Twp. Deputy Supervisor Barbara Warren

Dearborn Mayor Jack O'Reilly

Dearborn Heights

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 Melvindale River Rouge

Riverview Councilman Elmer Trombley

Rockwood Mayor Dan Guzzi

Romulus

Southgate Mayor Joseph Kuspa Taylor Mayor Rick Sollars

Trenton Alternate Jim Wagner, City Administrator

Woodhaven

Wyandotte Mayor Joe Peterson

On behalf of the DCC Board of Directors and staff, Chair Dan Guzzi expressed deepest sympathy to Mayor Mike Bowdler of River Rouge in the loss of his wife, Diana.

Chair, Mayor Dan Guzzi opened the meeting at 5:10 p.m with introductions. Motion by Councilman Trombley, supported by Mayor Pro-tem Boismier The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda: Motion by Supervisor Glaab, supported by Mayor Dropiewski, 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 10/6/2016 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation: Lee Shirey, U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration. reported. Mr. Shirey provided a Power Point presentation: The U.S. Economic Development Administration provides Planning Assistance/Regional Strategy Planning type grants to units of government, ranging from \$50,000 to \$75,000 that require a 50% match. He also referenced grants that can be targeted toward public works infrastructure investment (i e. roads; sewers; land development; etc - \$1.2 to \$1.7 million). They also offer Economic Adjustment Assistance for projects funded in Michigan (i e. business/technical incubator). The EDA's investment priorities include global competitiveness to support high-growth businesses, innovation-based entrepreneurs, to expand and compete in global markets, exporting, foreign direct investment and repatriation of jobs. They encourage best practices in "environmentally sustainable development", to enhance environmental quality and develop and implement green products, processes and buildings. EDA's priorities also include strengthening diverse communities that have suffered disproportionate losses and rebuilding to become more competitive in the global economy. Mr. Shirey provided lists: of public works funded projects; economic adjustment assistance funded projects; local technical assistance funded projects; planning assistance funded projects; and national competition funded projects. Eligible applicants include State, local and special purpose units of local government; institutions of higher education; and non-profits, in cooperation with a unit of local government. Mr. Shirey offered to meet with communities if interested.

Nominating Committee Report

Minutes of 11/22/2016: were provided for reference.

Nomination of Officers: Committee Chair, Mayor Jack O'Reilly, reported that a request was sent to the board members for interest in serving as a board officer for the 2017 administrative year. All four of the current serving officers have expressed interest in continuing to serve in their present capacity; noting there were four others who also expressed interest. The Nominating Committee is presenting the following slate of officers for the 2017 Administrative Year, with elections taking place at the February 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 & PREVIOUS PAST CHAIR: Mayor Jack O'Reilly, Dearborn and Mayor Joseph Peterson, Wyandotte. The Immediate Past Chair and Previous Past Chair will continue to serve on the Executive Committee.

After Mayor O'Reilly asked three times if there were any other nominations from the floor, a motion was made by Mayor Peterson, supported by Deputy Supervisor Barbara Warren, to accept the Nominating Committee Report with the slate of officers as presented. The motion passed unanimously

<u>CWW-DCC Meet and Greet</u>[.] Tim Keyes of Romulus invited the DCC Board members to a Meet & Greet with the Conference of Western Wayne Board Members on February 10th, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. at the Romulus Athletic Center (same location as last year).

New Business:

Brian Loftus, Supervisor of Grosse Ile Township: Reported about a coyote issue in his community and asked if other board members would be interested in taking a pro-active approach with him on this issue. Discussion followed of other communities experiencing the same issues, along with issues with too many deer as well. Supervisor Loftus said he will work with the DNR to resolve the issue and report back to the board.

Re-Appoint Marsha Bianconi to the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority (DWMHA). Mayor Jack O'Reilly reported Marsha Bianconi was appointed to the DWMHA Board of Directors in April 2014 and also serves as Vice-Chairperson on the DWMHA Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Oversight Policy Board; Vice-Chairperson of the Recipient Rights Advisory Committee and member of the Program Compliance Committee. During Ms. Bianconi's time as a DWMHA Board member, she has helped to implement and maintain effective policy that is in the best interest of the people we have a commitment to serve throughout our system of care; and she does so based on her extensive knowledge of the behavioral health system, community relationships and overall compassion to improve our mental health system Motion by Mayor O'Reilly, supported by Mayor Peterson, to recommend the re-appointment of Marsha Bianconi to the DWMHA Board. The motion passed unanimously.

The 2017 Board meeting date schedule was included in the packet for information.

Motion by Alternate Wagner, supported by Mayor Pro-tem Boismier, to adjourn at 5:34 p.m. The motion passed unanimously. Next meeting scheduled for February 2, 2017.