

<u>Present:</u>	Allen Park	Mayor William Matakas
	Brownstown Twp.	Deputy Supervisor Barbara Warren
	Dearborn	
	Dearborn Heights	Alternate Krissy Laslo
	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	Mayor Pro-Tem Wheeler Marsee
	River Rouge	Mayor Michael Bowdler
	Riverview	Mayor Andrew Swift
	Rockwood	Mayor Dan Guzzi
	Romulus	
	Southgate	Mayor Joseph Kuspa
	Taylor	
	Trenton	
	Woodhaven	
	Wyandotte	

Chair, Mayor Dan Guzzi opened the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

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 9/7/2017 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Special Tribute to Lannie Thomas, Veterans Service Officer: Jim Perry announced that Lannie Thomas, Veterans Service Officer / Veterans Law Specialist for the American Legion, is retiring. He gave background and stats about the Veterans Program that has been housed in the DCC building for 3½ years, serving 6,000 Veterans to date. The office initially started with one day a week and is now open three days a week. They were able to help Veterans get \$1.6 million in benefits, which then benefits our member communities as well. Chair Guzzi read the tribute and presented the plaque to Lannie Thomas, who was an exceptional advocate for our service men and women addressing a multitude of issues and concerns that affect their quality of life. He was given a heartfelt thank you for being such an important part of enhancing the quality of life for the Downriver area. Everyone applauded. Lannie Thomas expressed his appreciation to the DCC Board and staff for supporting the Veterans with this office Downriver. He commended the DCC staff for always helping and supporting whenever needed. He thanked the Veteran volunteers who assist each day the office is open – two of those men were present for the tribute.

New Business: None

Remarks:

Styrofoam Recycling: Pam Frucci, former Grosse Ile Township Trustee, formerly with Keep Downriver Beautiful and State of Michigan Resource Recovery Commission, and a strong advocate for promoting recycling, expressed her hope to develop a foam recycling center in the Downriver area. She was directly involved in finding a location for a Downriver Recycling Center, near the DTE plant in Trenton, thanks to the approval from the Wayne County Public Works Commission. It stayed in business for eight years (1983-91) until many of the surrounding towns initiated either curbside pick-up of recyclables or a drop-off center. One item they did not recycle back then was foam waste. Pam and her husband used to drop off foam recycling at the DART foam recycling plant in Mason, until it became too difficult. Grosse Ile's Department of Public Services took over collecting and delivering the foam to a center in Detroit, but in 2013 they had to discontinue the service due to expense. She has been contacting other cities in the area to establish a drop-off center, but has been unsuccessful. She said her DART contact told her she needed to set up a center that would be associated with a local government and provide cover for the foam from the elements. She said that nearly every household in the Downriver throws away Styrofoam and it is made with petroleum and fused with benzene, a carcinogen. She expressed her hope that one of the Downriver communities will approve a recycling project that would keep all foam waste (take-home cartons from restaurants, etc.) out of landfills and get recycled into a usable by-product. Discussion followed including: container size required, how often serviced, and trucking traffic it may generate. Pam thanked the board for allowing her to present.

Motion by Supervisor Glaab, supported by Mayor Pro-Tem Boismier, to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting is scheduled for December 7th, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.