

<u>Present:</u>	Allen Park	Mayor Pro-Tem Gail McLeod
	Brownstown Twp.	Supervisor Andy Linko
	Dearborn	Mayor Jack O'Reilly
	Dearborn Heights	Mayor Dan Paletko
	Ecorse	Mayor Lamar Tidwell
	Flat Rock	Mayor Jonathan Dropiewski
	Gibraltar	Mayor James Gorris
	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	Tim Keyes, Economic Development Director
	Southgate	Dustin Lent, City Administrator
	Taylor	
	Trenton	Jim Wagner, City Administrator
	Woodhaven	
	Wyandotte	Larry Stec, City Clerk

Chair, Mayor Dan Guzzi opened the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

Agenda: Motion by Delegate Wagner, supported by Supervisor Linko, to accept the agenda as presented, adding a Membership Dues Revision Resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: Motion by Mayor Tidwell, supported by Supervisor Glaab, to accept the minutes of the regular board meeting of 12/7/2017 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Nominating Committee Report: Mayor Jack O'Reilly reported that the Nominating Committee presented a slate of nominees for officers at the December 2017 meeting. He then asked three times for any further nominations from the floor. Hearing none, a motion was made by Delegate Wagner, supported by Alternate Stec, to elect the four recommended nominees as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair:	Mayor Jonathan Dropiewski, Flat Rock
Vice Chair:	Supervisor David Glaab, Huron Township
Treasurer:	Mayor Lamar Tidwell, Ecorse
Secretary:	Tim Keyes, Economic Development Director, Romulus

Jim Perry expressed his appreciation for Mayor Guzzi's commitment and support the past two years as Chairman. Jim presented Mayor Dan Guzzi with a special tribute and gift.

Mayor Dan Guzzi expressed his thanks, and said it's been an honor and a privilege to work with all the folks at DCC.

Mayor Jonathan Dropiewski expressed his thanks for being elected Chair, and he looks forward to working with everyone in the future.

DCC Transportation Services: Sue Pilon reported  
Sue gave background about DCC's Transportation Services.

DCC has operated transportation services since about 1997, starting as part of DCC's Employment & Training programs. It started because staff observed that many customers did not have their own transportation, nor ready access to or means to use, public transportation. We have a significant fleet of vehicles and drivers to assist (ten vehicles, eight with wheelchair lifts (may be reduced to eight, six with lifts, to reduce costs; experienced, licensed (chauffer's or commercial driver's license), friendly drivers; DOT Compliant; CPR/First Aid trained/certified and fully insured.

DCC provides door-to-door service; curb-to-curb service, and passenger assistance. Most of the non-Michigan Works trips DCC provides are for non-emergency medical appointments for seniors/individuals with disabilities (especially kidney dialysis). Service is available six days per week (M-F, service is available until about 5 p.m., and on Saturdays, on a case-by-case-basis). Individuals requesting service may call DCC Transportation Dispatch at 734-362-7029 **anytime** and leave a message with name, community of residence, and the date, time and location of the trip you wish to schedule. Calls are returned within 48 hours (most within 24 hours), excluding weekends. DCC asks that callers contact us at least three days prior to appointment, but note that DCC does not schedule appointments more than one month in advance. Appointments are scheduled on a first come/first serve basis. **DCC CANNOT GUARANTEE that trip requests will be accommodated.**

Lincoln Park has contracted with DCC for several years to provide a driver for their SMART community vehicle. They pay the salary and related costs, which means they do not have to have a driver on the city payroll, and when DCC's regular driver is unavailable, DCC send a replacement, so they never need to worry about vacations or sick leave.

**Need and Opportunities:** Some past transportation funding sources are no longer available, or appropriate, so we need to increase our service/funding sources using other means. While we can keep our Transportation Department going at the current rate, we recognize that there is still a great unmet need in our communities, particularly for trips to dialysis, and service for Veterans to get to the VA, both in Detroit and Ann Arbor for appointments. We have the capacity, in terms of vehicles and staff, to address these needs at some level. Our difficulty is in locating/accessing appropriate funding. DCC was recently approached by the Downriver Regional Veterans Treatment Court in Southgate about their need to help Veterans get to the VA. They are actively seeking contributions for this purpose. If our communities could work with the court to come up with some funding for this, DCC would be happy to provide the service on a regular schedule, maximizing the number of Veterans transported to these vital appointments.

Also, your community may have unused municipal credits from SMART, and/or community credits that you are unable to use, depending on your transportation needs, plans and resources. SMART recently announced that opt-in communities will be receiving a 15% increase in their community credits (7.5% increase for the balance of 2017-18; full increase starting 10/1/18). DCC is available to contract with communities for services they may not be able to or desire to handle directly.

DCC / CWW Mixer (Meet & Greet): Scheduled for Friday, February 9, 2018 at 8:30 am, will be hosted by Romulus at the Romulus Athletic Center. The CWW Board Meeting immediately follows at 9:30 am if anyone is able to stay.

New Business:

- 1) Revised DCC Assessment Dues Increase: Jim Perry reported that additional grant funding was located for this fiscal year, therefore the need to increase dues for the current fiscal year is not necessary. Therefore, the following resolution is being presented:
  - o Rescind the December 7, 2017 dues increase resolution which included the pro-rated dues increase for this fiscal year; and
  - o Support and approve the annual membership dues increase detailed in the attached spreadsheet (based on population) with said increase to be implemented in Fiscal Year 2018-2019, beginning October 1, 2018.

Motion by Mayor Paletko, supported by Mayor Bowdler, to rescind the Assessment Dues Resolution from 12-7-2017 as requested. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mayor Paletko, supported by Supervisor Glaab, to approve the DCC Assessment Dues increase as presented (based on population), with increase effective 10-1-2018. The motion passed unanimously.

- 2) Support SB 400, Amending the Emergency 911 Service Enabling Act: The bill would have a small, but positive fiscal impact on the Michigan Department of State Police, and a positive fiscal impact on local 9-1-1 emergency service providers; The bill would raise two fees charged by communications service providers, and credited to the Emergency 9-1-1 Fund, which is administered by the State Treasury. The first fee is a 19-cent monthly surcharge included on telephone bills; that fee would be raised to 25 cents per month. The second is an increase in the percentage surcharge included on prepaid wireless services from 1.92% to 5.0%. In fiscal year 2015-16, those two fees generated a total of \$20.3 million and \$8.2 million, respectively. Under the bill, those amounts would increase to approximately \$26.6 million and \$21.6 million, respectively, for a total of \$48.8 million.

Further, Representative James Lower is proposing a consolidation amendment to SB 400 that **would close PSAPs that serve under 100,000 by 2023 and close PSAPs that serve under 150,000 by 2028**. This would decimate public safety response for the entire state. It would move the Upper Peninsula to only two PSAPs for the entire UP area. This would force consolidation on all but one PSAP in all of the DCC and Conference of Western Wayne (CWW) areas. All of the Conference of Eastern Wayne would have to consolidate into Detroit or DCC, and the Hamtramck PSAP would have to close. With Rep. Lower's proposal, there is zero consideration of geographical logistics, how many people travel through a community daily, nor the mere fact that forced consolidation in no way guarantees a costs savings, especially when you're talking about a service that requires a large facility, a lot of technology and a number of employees to accommodate a large population. If this amendment gets put onto SB 400, **it will kill DCC'S & CWW'S 911 funding bill**. If SB 400 dies, the fund for Next Generation 911 dries out July 1, 2018. Which means **no part of Wayne County will be able to upgrade its 911 infrastructure**.

The main points on the issue with Rep. Lower's proposal are:

- Population size is an arbitrary number that doesn't take into account population at any given time
- 911 Consolidation does not belong as an amendment on an infrastructure bill
- Wayne County does not have County-wide 911. We do not get any money from the state nor the county for 911 services. Our local municipalities pay for the vast majority of dispatch services out of general fund.

Motion by Mayor Guzzi, supported by Supervisor Linko, that the DCC Board supports SB 400 as presented, that would raise two fees charged by communications service providers, and credited to the Emergency 9-1-1 Fund, which is administered by the State Treasury, as referenced above. And further, that the DCC Board opposes the amendment to SB 400 being proposed by Representative Lower, which would negatively impact the DCC and CWW region. The motion passed unanimously.

3) Support SB 723: Re: Local Revenue Lost Due to Property Tax Exemption:

Supervisor Andy Linko said the state would cover local units' costs for providing a property tax exemption for disabled veterans under a bill introduced in the Senate (Senate Bill 723), and is strongly supported by the Michigan Township Association (MTA); and if enacted, it would require the state to pay for local revenue lost due to this property tax exemption. The current law is a result of legislative policy enacted with no cost to the state and the loss of property tax revenue being placed on local units of government. The property tax exemption would remain in place under SB 723, but the bill would require the Legislature to appropriate money from the state's General Fund to reimburse local units for their losses - this would be subject to an appropriation and would apply to any lost property tax revenue incurred due to the exemption after December 31, 2017.

Motion by Supervisor Glaab, supported by Mayor O'Reilly, that the Board of Directors of the Downriver Community Conference, supports SB 723 as presented to pay for local revenue lost due to the property tax exemption. The motion carried unanimously.

Remarks:

Andrew Kandrevas with Wayne County Executive Warren Evans' office said their office is available to assist – please feel free to contact them any time.

Motion by Mayor Guzzi, supported by Councilman Trombley, to adjourn at 6:29 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.