# DOWNRIVER COMMUNITY CONFERENCE REGULAR MEETING - October 4, 2018

Present:

Allen Park

Brownstown Twp.

Dearborn

Dearborn Heights Ecorse

Flat Rock

Gibraltar

Grosse Ile Twp.

Huron Twp. Lincoln Park Melvindale

River Rouge

Riverview Rockwood Romulus

Southgate Taylor

Trenton

Woodhaven

Mayor Bill Matakas

Alternate Greg Mahar

Mayor Dan Paletko Mayor Lamar Tidwell

Mayor Jonathan Dropiewski

Alternate Scott Denison, City Treasurer

Supervisor David Glaab

Mayor Tom Karnes

Mayor Pro-Tem Wheeler Marsee

Mayor Andy Swift Mayor Dan Guzzi

Jim Wagner, Economic Development Coordinator

Councilwoman Jan Sikes Wyandotte Alternate Larry Stec, City Clerk

The Chair, Mayor Jonathan Dropiewski opened the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

Motion by Delegate Wagner, supported by Alternate Mahar, to accept the agenda as Agenda: presented, adding a presentation by Robert Jones of AT&T. The motion passed unanimously.

Check presentation: Jim Perry introduced Robert Jones of AT&T who presented DCC with a check for \$10,000 to support training for Youth Workforce Development programs. He thanked the DCC for the great work they do to help residents in this region. State Representatives Frank Liberati and Cara Clemente were part of special presentation and thanked Jim Perry and DCC, and thanked Robert Jones for AT&T's support. Lynette Massey, WIOA Program Manager, introduced one of the customers who has already benefited from the donated funds, Zi'Achanate Robinson, who is going thru an internship now and when completed, will be placed in a job at \$16.00 to \$17.00 per hour. A group photo was taken. Everyone applauded.

Minutes: Motion by Supervisor Glaab, supported by Mayor Guzzi, to accept the minutes of the regular board meeting of 9/6/2018 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

# **Executive-Finance Committee Report**:

Minutes of 9/26/2018: Motion by Supervisor Glaab, supported by Delegate Wagner, to approve the Executive-Finance Committee minutes of 9/26/2018 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Assessment Dues: Motion by Supervisor Glaab, supported by Alternate Mahar, to accept the DCC Assessment Dues as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

FY 2018-2019 Budget: Motion by Mayor Paletko, supported by Mayor Guzzi, to accept the budget as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

By-Laws Revision: Motion by Delegate Wagner, supported by Supervisor Glaab, to approve the By-laws revision as presented related to allowing for Associate Membership. The motion passed unanimously. Final approval will occur at the December 2018 meeting.

#### **New Business:**

Special Executive-Finance Review Requested: Motion by Mayor Guzzi, supported by Supervisor Glaab, requesting that the Executive-Finance Committee meet as soon as possible to develop an assessment plan for Associate Membership, based on the By-laws change. The motion passed unanimously. Delegate Jim Wagner, who is the Brownfield Board Chair, said the Brownfield Board realizes the need to determine an assessment fee for those of their members who are not part of DCC's regular membership, and the opportunity this will be to bring to obtain additional funds for the program.

## Informational Items:

Resolutions regarding the EPA remaining in Grosse Ile: Two resolutions were included in the packet from Grosse Ile and from Wayne County Commission.

## Remarks from the Audience:

<u>Thank you</u>: Alternate Scott Denison of Gibraltar thanked their neighboring communities Trenton and Woodhaven for recent assistance by their DPW to help with clean up. Also, he requested that each community submit something in writing to their State and Federal legislators emphasizing the dire need for more support Downriver with infrastructure improvements for bridges and underpass projects.

Wayne County Community College District: Tony Arminiak of WCCCD thanked Jim Perry and Sue Pilon for their partnership with WCCCD on transportation. Also, a little over a week ago, WCCCD had a groundbreaking ceremony for a \$15 million project in partnership with MSU in Agriculture Science.

<u>Mayor Bill Matakas</u> thanked Tony Arminiak for Wayne County Community College District's Homeland Security Training. Very worthwhile training on understanding the process and chain of command.

<u>Councilwoman Jan Sikes</u> said the fire service training numbers are significantly down at the WCCCD, adding that when she used to instruct classes, they were full (10 years ago). She stressed the need to promote the training of more people in this field. Each community needs fire fighters and she is concerned about getting more people trained. Discussion followed regarding communities unable to fill their open fire fighter positions.

Tony Guerriero reported that Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy will be holding some town hall meetings throughout the county over the next couple of months — one regionalized for the DCC area. Next year, Kym Worthy wants to visit each of the DCC Communities, Mayors/Supervisors and Police Chiefs to discuss concerns in your communities.

Motion by Supervisor Glaab, supported by Mayor Guzzi, to adjourn at 6:31 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting is scheduled for December 6th, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.