

Present:

Allen Park	Mark Kibby, City Administrator
Brownstown Twp.	Supervisor Andy Linko
Dearborn	Mayor Jack O'Reilly
Dearborn Heights	
Ecorse	Mayor Lamar Tidwell
Flat Rock	Mayor Mark Hammond
Gibraltar	Mayor Jim Gorris
Grosse Ile Twp.	
Huron Twp.	Supervisor David Glaab
Lincoln Park	Mayor Tom Karnes
Melvindale	
River Rouge	Karl Laub, Community Development Director
Riverview	Mayor Andy Swift
Rockwood	Mayor Dan Guzzi
Romulus	Merrie Druyor, TIFA/DDA Director
Southgate	Dustin Lent, City Administrator
Taylor	Mayor Rick Sollars
Trenton	
Woodhaven	Councilwoman Jan Sikes
Wyandotte	Mayor Pro-Tem Rob DeSana

The Chair, Supervisor David Glaab, opened the meeting at 5:11 p.m. (Via virtual Zoom).

Agenda: Motion by Councilwoman Sikes, supported by Alternate Lent, to accept the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: Motion by Mayor Gorris, supported by Mayor Swift, to accept the minutes of the regular board meeting of 3/5/2020 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive-Finance Committee Report: Motion by Mayor Guzzi, supported by Supervisor Linko, to accept the Executive-Finance Committee minutes of 3/11/20; 3/25/20; 4/16/2020; 5/7/20; and 9/17/20 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Nominating Committee Report: Chair Glaab reported for the Nominating Committee, that all current serving officers are being recommended to serve another term in their present positions, due to the COVID Pandemic and unusual meeting schedule this year. The By-laws allow for officers to serve for two terms in their same capacity and all officers are interested in serving another term. The slate of officers:

Chairman:	Supervisor David Glaab, Huron Township
Vice Chairman:	Mayor Lamar Tidwell, Ecorse
Treasurer:	Supervisor Andy Linko, Brownstown Township
Secretary:	Mayor Dan Guzzi, Rockwood

The Chair asked three times if any additional nominations from the floor. Motion by Mayor Hammond, supported by Alternate Laub, to close nominations and accept the slate of officers as presented/nominated. The motion passed unanimously. Formal election to take place at the February 2021 board meeting.

2021 Board Meeting Dates: Motion by Councilwoman Sikes, supported by Mayor Tidwell, to accept the meeting dates as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

- 1) Chair Glaab thanked everyone for their efforts this year.
- 2) Chair Glaab welcomed two new board members Supervisor Jim Budny of Grosse Ile Township and Merrie Druyor of Romulus (replacing Jazmine Danci).

Informational Items:

- 1) Resolution from Rockwood regarding supporting legislation to limit blocking of railroads, was included in the board packet for reference.

Remarks from the Audience:

- 1) Tony Guerriero said Prosecutor Kym Worthy sends good wishes to all the communities for the Christmas holiday and said she requested to address the DCC Board in February, to keep everyone safe and informed.
- 2) Eric Sabree, Wayne County Treasurer, extends his best wishes for the holiday and to stay safe. He thanked everyone at DCC for working with the County on foreclosure prevention. He stated there are 7,000 properties, including vacant lots, that are up for foreclosure; adding that he wants to work with residents to pay their taxes. He requested to be placed on the February agenda with additional information.
- 3) Jim Perry said the DCC staff did an outstanding job of assisting unemployed residents taking 120,000 calls related to Unemployment Insurance, since March. He said the staff assisted 145,000 residents this year, which is 33,000 more than last year through our workforce development programs, including working with the U.S. Steel Workers union assisting workers applying for TAA (Trade Adjustment Assistance) federal benefits. The Weatherization program continued as much as allowed with the pandemic restrictions.
- 4) Andrew Kandreas with County Executive Warren Evans' office sends his best wishes to everyone. He said Executive Evans holds a conference call every other Tuesday at 9am to communicate with the communities. Please contact Andrew if you want to be included in the calls at [Akandreas@waynecounty.com](mailto:Akandreas@waynecounty.com).
- 5) Ron Hinrichs with the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber thanked DCC and Jim Perry for working together with the Chamber on the business community issues. The Economic Development Recovery group meets regularly together to review concerns for this region, especially affected by the COVID Pandemic.
- 6) Ron Hinrichs also invited everyone to take part in the Chamber's virtual 'Fireside Chat' at 7pm this evening, which will include discussions with the newly re-elected Mayors/Supervisors (Mayor Karnes of Lincoln Park; Mayor Tidwell of Ecorse; Supervisor Glaab of Huron Township; and Supervisor Linko of Brownstown Township). He congratulated everyone who was re-elected in November.
- 7) Tamera Kiger with The Senior Alliance (TSA) stated that 6,000 food boxes were distributed to needy residents in this region. TSA also did emergency shopping for seniors up to \$75 per person. Face masks are available too through TSA. TSA has streamlined Meals on Wheels. If you know any elderly residents who need assistance with food, care calling services, or other services, please call The Senior Alliance. Tamera added that TSA now has robotic pets to provide comfort. They worked recently with the Wyandotte Police Department on a food drive.
- 8) Tim Durand of Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD) thanked Jim Perry and DCC staff, especially Sue Pilon, for working to get the SMART bus service route going all the way to the new International Wildlife Refuge.

Chair Glaab thanked everyone for being on the call/meeting today and thanked Ron Goff for IT support and Zoom operations for this meeting.

Motion by Mayor O'Reilly, supported by Councilwoman Sikes, to adjourn at 5:32 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.