

<u>Present:</u>	Allen Park	Mayor Gail McLeod
	Brownstown Twp.	Supervisor Andy Linko
	Dearborn	Alternate Bill Irving, Assistant Corporation Counsel
	Dearborn Heights	Mayor Bill Bazzi
	Ecorse	Councilwoman Latoya Lamb
	Flat Rock	
	Gibraltar	
	Grosse Ile Twp.	Supervisor James C. Budny
	Huron Twp.	Supervisor David Glaab
	Lincoln Park	Mayor Tom Karnes
	Melvindale	
	River Rouge	Mayor Michael Bowdler
	Riverview	Mayor Andy Swift
	Rockwood	Mayor Dan Guzzi
	Romulus	
	Southgate	Alternate Dustin Lent, City Administrator
	Taylor	
	Trenton	Mayor Steven Rzeppa
	Woodhaven	Councilwoman Jan Sikes
	Wyandotte	Alternate Larry Stec, City Clerk

The Chair, Supervisor David Glaab, opened the meeting at 6 14 p m (Via virtual Zoom), with roll call and introductions of those on the call.

Agenda: Motion by Supervisor Budny, supported by Mayor Swift, to accept the agenda as presented, with one New Business item – Wayne County Transit Authority Appointment The motion passed unanimously

Minutes: Motion by Mayor McLeod, supported by Alternate Lent, to accept the minutes of the regular board meeting of 5/6/2021 as presented. The motion passed unanimously

Executive-Finance Committee Report:

Minutes of 4/19/21, 5/17/21, and 8/25/21: Motion by Councilwoman Sikes, supported by Supervisor Budny, to approve the Executive-Finance Committee minutes of 4/19/21, 5/17/21, and 8/25/21 as presented The motion passed unanimously

Organizational Chart Changes: Chair Glaab reported that the Executive-Finance Committee is recommending some changes in the DCC organizational chart Effective October 1st, Jim Perry will be transitioning from his administrative role at DCC, but will be continuing to serve local, county, state, and federal outreach programs, to ensure continued funding for operations at DCC and DMA to support our overall mission The Executive-Finance Committee has been meeting over the past several months to develop a positive plan to support DCC with this transition and feels a change will serve the agency well Jim's title will remain Executive Director and he will continue to oversee Economic Development and Brownfield efforts, the Downriver Mutual Aid (911, Police, and Fire), and the Department of Public Service (DPS) efforts He will still be involved in all our programs that support our member communities As part of the re-organization of separating duties, a new position has been created, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), that Lisa Wayne has been appointed to. She will assume the daily administrative operations and oversight duties to ensure there is no disruption to our overall operations. She will transition from her position as COO of Programs to the CEO position Lisa Kurtzhals has been appointed to then fill the Chief Operating Officer of Programs position, transitioning from Program Director of Employment Services The Chair added that this new arrangement seems to fall in line with the discussions we've been having for some time. This change and modification will serve the DCC well

Jim Perry expressed his pleasure in working with DCC for the past 41 years, indicating this change will strengthen the DCC going forward. He commended Lisa Wayne for her 25 years of service to DCC, and said he believes she will do a great job as CEO. Lisa Wayne thanked everyone for their recommendation and support and said she looks forward to this transition. She expressed her appreciation that Jim Perry will continue to be part of our DCC Team, adding that Team is everything! Lisa said she has loved being part of DCC for many years and loves the Downriver - she is looking forward to expanding the great things that we do. The Board members congratulated Lisa on her new position.

Motion by Supervisor Linko, supported by Mayor Swift, to approve the Organizational Chart changes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Officers for 2022.

Chair Glaab said the Executive-Finance Committee has been discussing the desirability of maintaining the same board officers for the 2022 administrative year, considering the past year of uncertainty with Covid affects, the current leadership staff transitions, and the potential sale of the building with continued negotiations with CMA - many ongoing intricate issues that the current officers have been dealing with.

Motion by Alternate Lent, supported by Mayor McLeod, to support keeping the same officers for another year (for 2022). The motion passed unanimously.

Working in Unification to Support Congressional Redistricting

Chair Glaab said the Board approved the resolution (by e-mail vote) in June 2021 regarding Congressional Redistricting. He added that individual communities may want to consider taking up their own resolutions to strengthen the effort. He will have Cari send the resolution to everyone again for their reference. The wording included:

DCC and SWCRC have been working together as a united voice to get our regional economy restarted and on track while protecting the health and safety of our citizens. In addition to our representatives in Lansing and Washington working to provide critical resources for our region, we will need to focus on strong and effective initiatives to encompass the 'whole' of our area. We share common bonds linked to public policy issues or identities that may be affected by legislation, likely to result in a desire to share a united regional congressional district, and equally established state legislative districts within the region in order to secure more effective representation. DCC and SWCRC share historical economic interests associated with a contiguous area on a map, together representing communities along the Detroit River from River Rouge and along the southeastern border to Rockwood, and westerly from Dearborn, Huron Township, Van Buren Township, and Belleville down to the Wayne/Monroe County line. Congressional and state legislative district boundaries must be drawn according to existing municipal boundaries and shall not divide municipalities and their constituents into separate districts of representation. It is our priority, along with the unification of Downriver and the 21 Southern Wayne County communities into one congressional district, to support efforts to re-align/redistrict our area to the strength of bringing all these communities together to benefit the region as a whole.

Wayne County Transit Authority: Chair Glaab reported

DCC has membership on the Wayne County Transit Authority Board (two members and one alternate). With the passing of our dear friend and board member, Mayor Dan Paletko, we need to appoint someone to fill that vacancy, along with appointing an alternate. It is being recommended that Supervisor David Glaab continue on this Board, and the DCC Board appoints Mayor Steven Rzeppa of Trenton, as the second member on the Wayne County Transit Authority Board; and appoints Mayor Michael Bowdler as the alternate if either of the two members cannot attend a meeting. Motion by Supervisor Budny, supported by Mayor Guzzi, to approve the Wayne County Transit Authority appointments as referenced above. The motion passed unanimously.

Information Items:

Meeting time survey results: Chair Glaab reported that a majority of the board members prefer to continue with the same meeting time/dates, so everything will remain the same. We may revisit this again down the road if there is interest.

Remarks:

Wayne County Treasurer's Update: Treasurer Eric Sabree reported

- 1) Appointment system/Taxes If residents need to visit their office in person, they must make an appointment online through the Treasurer's Office. Tax collections are going well – higher rate this year.
- 2) Vacant Properties: They are scheduling an auction of vacant properties and vacant land (no foreclosures on commercial or residential occupied properties). He emphasized the importance of ensuring that delinquent taxes are paid by March 31st or get on a payment plan.
- 3) 5th Annual Veterans Resource Fair: is scheduled for November 18th 10am – 2pm, virtually. They are working in cooperation with Wayne County Veteran Affairs. Lt. Governor Garland Gilchrist will be the guest speaker.
- 4) MISHDA Grants: A program is being unveiled in October offering grants for \$25,000 to help with foreclosures. Must make less than \$90,000 (for a family of two) to be eligible. He will send information out as soon as it is available.

Wayne County Sheriff Update: Sheriff Raphael Washington announced a hiring/recruitment fair set for September 11th from 10am – 1pm at Wayne State University. He asked that if anyone is interested or knows of people interested in a career in law enforcement, to apply. Primarily openings to work in the jail, as starter positions. Candidates can also stop by their headquarters any time to apply.

Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber Update: Ron Hinrichs reported

- 1) Congratulated the new CEO, Lisa Wayne, on her appointment.
- 2) Focusing on the worker shortage crisis. The Chamber worked jointly with DCC on the successful Downriver Job Fair held at the DCC building (in the parking lot), with 31 employers participating. He thanked Jim Perry and Lisa Wayne, and the entire DCC team for all their support. He thanked DCC for their amazing partnership with the Chamber for the past 50 years.
- 3) Destination Downriver coalition signed a 3-year partnership agreement with 'Under the Radar - Michigan' hosts to help promote this region. They will be working with television shows, social media posts and other big promotions for Downriver.
- 4) Annual Salute to Government Officials – now rebranded '**A Celebration of Downriver Community Partnerships**' is scheduled for Thursday, December 2nd from 5:30-8:30pm at the Parkside Gardens in Southgate. Complimentary tickets will be provided to elected officials.
- 5) Black Tie Gala and Expo is scheduled for Thursday, September 9th at Crystal Gardens in Southgate with a Support Downriver Campaign Reception set for 6:00pm.
- 6) Ron thanked everyone for their ongoing support in the joint partnership between the Chamber and DCC.

Chair Glaab thanked everyone for joining in the meeting today.

Motion by Mayor Guzzi, supported by Supervisor Budny, to adjourn at 6:36 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.