

<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	Mayor Jim Gorris & Treasurer Scott Denison
	Grosse Ile Twp.	
	Huron Twp.	Supervisor David Glaab
	Lincoln Park	Mayor Tom Karnes
	Melvindale	
	River Rouge	Mayor Michael Bowdler
	Riverview	Councilman Chuck Norton
	Rockwood	Mayor Dan Guzzi
	Romulus	
	Southgate	Alternate Dustin Lent, City Administrator
	Taylor	
	Trenton	Mayor Steven Rzeppa
	Woodhaven	Councilwoman Jan Sikes
	Wyandotte	Mayor Rob DeSana

The Chair, Supervisor David Glaab, opened the meeting at 6:18 p.m. (Via virtual Zoom), with roll call and introductions of those on the call.

Agenda: Motion by Mayor Guzzi, supported by Supervisor Linko, to accept the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: Motion by Mayor Gorris, supported by Alternate Lent, to accept the minutes of the regular board meeting of 9/2/2021 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive-Finance Committee Report:

Minutes of 9/2/21 and 9/29/21: Motion by Supervisor Linko, supported by Mayor Gorris, to approve the Executive-Finance Committee minutes of 9/2/21 and 9/29/21 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

FY 2021-2022 Budget: Controller Maria Mancos reported providing program details. The Budget for DMA and DCC was included in the packet for the Board's reference. Total Budget is for \$18,967,865 (DCC is \$10,939,256 and DMA is \$8,028,609). The DCC will see a net decrease of \$169,266 from prior year funding levels, primarily due to a decrease in fund balance in the Economic Development Department. Motion by Councilwoman Sikes, supported by Mayor Guzzi, to accept the FY2021-2022 Budget as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

DCC Assessment Dues and Associate Dues: Maria Mancos reported that these assessment dues will remain the same as last year. Motion by Mayor McLeod, supported by Supervisor Linko, to accept the DCC Assessment Dues and Associate Dues as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Special Tributes: Chair Glaab expressed sincere appreciation and thanks to the following:

Mayor Jack O'Reilly of Dearborn: Chair Glaab expressed his appreciation to Mayor O'Reilly for his leadership and involvement through the years. He said he is honored to honor Mayor O'Reilly. The tribute reads: It is with great pride and honor that we extend thanks and tribute to our dear friend Mayor Jack O'Reilly in recognition of exemplary Dedication and Service as Board Chairman 2014-2016, Board Officer 2011-2021, and as a Board Member from 2007-2021; for his commitment and dedication as a DCC and DMA Board member and former Board Chair; and for being such an important part of enhancing the quality of life for the Downriver area. Mayor O'Reilly has been an exceptional advocate for DMA-DCC in a multitude of issues and concerns that affect the entire Downriver area. (Jim Perry presented the framed tribute, referencing his history working together with Jack for over 40 years. Jack helped Dearborn become a member of DCC working together with former Mayor Michael Guido. Jack has great knowledge about workforce issues, business, and property tax issues; along with police and fire issues. He always helped everyone. Note: Mayor O'Reilly was unable to attend the meeting, so Jim and Cari will hand deliver the framed tribute to him at the city hall.)

Mayor Jim Gorris of Gibraltar: Chair Glaab expressed his appreciation to Mayor Gorris for being an exceptional leader and individual, and for his years of service to the board; that he did not seek re-election as Mayor of Gibraltar; and that Gibraltar will be well-represented by Scott Denison who will be returning to the table. The tribute reads: It is with great pride and honor that we extend special thanks and tribute to our dear friend Mayor Jim Gorris in Recognition of Exemplary Dedication and Service as a DMA-DCC Board Member from 2009-2021; for being such an important part of enhancing the quality of life for the Downriver area; and Mayor Gorris has been an exceptional advocate for DMA-DCC in a multitude of issues and concerns that affect the entire Downriver area. (Jim Perry presented the framed tribute and congratulated Mayor Gorris and thanked him for all his support with workforce issues and Downriver Mutual Aid. Mayor Gorris thanked Jim and the board members, saying it has been an honor to serve, and expressed his appreciation for the kind words. He added that his city will be in good hands with Scott Denison returning as Gibraltar's Mayor.)

SEMCA – 25th Anniversary: Chair Glaab congratulated SEMCA on their 25th Anniversary. The tribute reads: In recognition of 25 years of service to this region. The DCC Board extends special congratulations and tribute to SEMCA for their 25 years of commitment and dedication as a key partner that supports DCC's programs and mission. SEMCA has been an exceptional advocate for DCC in a multitude of funding support for Downriver Community Conference and the Downriver area residents. (Jim Perry presented the framed tribute and thanked Greg Pitoniak, SEMCA's CEO, for his support and friendship through the years; adding that Greg worked for DCC in the 1980's in the Economic Development Department. Greg Pitoniak, expressed his thanks and appreciation to Jim Perry, DCC and the Board, adding that he initially worked for DCC in 1977-78 under Executive Director Dewey Henry and Administrator Bill Wild, and later returned in the 1980's. He gave the origins of how SEMCA was formed in 1996 with Jack O'Reilly as the first CEO of SEMCA, when federal legislation changed how workforce programs and substance abuse programs were administered. Greg thanked the Board and the DCC team, and said it has been a pleasure working together, and that the DCC has been a key partner throughout their 25 years. Chair Glaab and Jim Perry again congratulated and thanked Greg and the SEMCA Team.)

Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency (Wayne Metro) 50th Anniversary: Chair Glaab congratulated Wayne Metro on their 50th Anniversary. The tribute reads: It is with great pride and honor that we extend special congratulations and tribute to Wayne Metro for their 50 years of commitment and dedication as a key partner that supports DCC's programs and mission. Wayne Metro has been an exceptional advocate for DCC in a multitude of funding support for Downriver Community Conference and the Downriver area residents. (Jim Perry and his admin team will hand deliver the tribute to Louis Piszker at Wayne Metro.)

New Business:

Transition of staff: Chair Glaab reported that the transition of administrative staff occurred on October 1st. Jim Perry will keep his title as Executive Director but will be concentrating more on outreach and operational funding, economic development and brownfield activities, and DMA activities. Lisa Wayne as Chief Executive Officer, is now in charge of the daily DCC operations and oversight, where she transitioned from the COO of programs. Lisa Kurtzhals is the new Chief Operating Officer of Programs. He offered congratulations to all three on their positions, adding that he believes the new structure will prove to be very beneficial for the agency.

Remarks:

Ron Hinrichs, Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber:

- 1) The Chamber hosted their Black-Tie Gala reception and Business to Business Expo in September, where they celebrated the Chamber and DCC's ongoing partnership and Jim Perry was recognized and presented with the James S. Perry Community Leadership Award. He added that Jim is the first recipient of this new award. He conveyed his appreciation, thanks, and congratulations to Jim for his friendship and leadership. Jim Perry responded with thanks and expressed it's a team effort along with the DCC Board, staff, and the member communities, who make it all possible.
- 2) A Chamber Business Forum held in September featured speaker Larry Steckelberg of the Michigan Department of Treasury who discussed the Strategic Economic Development Strategy. (Kennis Wooten of DTE, who has also been an integral part of recent strategy discussions, was unable to attend the forum.) On behalf of the Chamber business community, Ron thanked Jim Perry and State Rep. Tulio Liberati and others who were instrumental in securing \$400,000 in funding to focus on this effort. Congratulations to Jim Perry and his team for DCC receiving these funds!
- 3) Celebration of Downriver Community Partnerships (formerly Salute to Government Officials) is scheduled for Thursday, December 2nd at 5:30pm at Parkside Gardens in Southgate. Elected officials are complimentary. Please register online on the Chamber's website.

Bryan McMurrin, Congresswoman Debbie Dingell's office: Bryan said that on behalf of Congresswoman Dingell, he offered special thanks and congratulations to Mayor Gorris, Mayor O'Reilly, Jim Perry, SEMCA and Wayne Metro for all their years of service to the DCC and the Downriver community; that the Congresswoman holds everyone near and dear to her heart.

Chair Glaab thanked everyone for joining in the meeting today.

Motion by Mayor Guzzi, supported by Councilwoman Sikes, to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.