

<u>Present</u>	Allen Park	Mayor Gail McLeod
	Brownstown Twp	Supervisor Andy Linko
	Dearborn	
	Dearborn Heights	Mayor Bill Bazzi
	Ecorse	Councilwoman LaTonya Lamb
	Flat Rock	
	Gibraltar	Councilman Cody Dill
	Grosse Ile Twp	
	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	
	Taylor	Mayor Tim Woolley
	Trenton	Mayor Steven Rzeppa
	Woodhaven	Councilwoman Jan Sikes
	Wyandotte	Mayor Rob DeSana

The Chair, Supervisor David Glaab, opened the meeting at 5:19 p m , with roll call and introductions

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

Minutes: Motion by Mayor Guzzi, supported by Supervisor Linko, to accept the minutes of the regular board meeting of 10/7/2021 as presented The motion passed unanimously

2022 Bord Meeting Dates Motion by mayor Guzzi, supported by Mayor Swift, to accept the 2022 board meeting dates as presented The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

The Senior Alliance Board Appointments Chair Glaab reported there are two vacancies on the Senior Alliance Board that DCC appoints. Motion by Mayor Guzzi, supported by Mayor Bowdler, to appoint Ayana King of Wyandotte (for a one-year term thru 9/30/22) and M Kellie Boyd of Brownstown Township (for a 3-year term thru 9/30/24) to fill these two vacancies to The Senior Alliance Board of Directors. The motion passed unanimously

HB 4523 & HB 4524 for Grade Separation Funding State Representative Darrin Camilleri asked for the DCC Board to pass a resolution supporting this legislation related to addressing blocked rail crossings He stated that DCC's member communities need access to state funds to allow greater ability to create grade separations on Fort Street in Trenton, and Pennsylvania Road on the border of Huron Township and Romulus. This new legislation (HB 4523 and HB 4524) addresses the rail crossings which block traffic and obstruct emergency services for hours at a time in the Downriver communities This legislation provides a blueprint and a fund to fix more of these problems by allowing local municipalities to apply for state funding for 80% of the cost from a local grade separation fund for priority projects It would be a great benefit to public safety (access to Beaumont hospital in Trenton is very often blocked) and unlocks economic opportunities in the area He added that he and Representative Green presented House Bills 4523/4524 to the Transportation Committee which had overwhelming bipartisan support (passing 104-0) and have both been referred to the Senate Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

New Business (continued):

HB 4523 & HB 4524 for Grade Separation Funding (continued):

Motion by Mayor Guzzi, supported by Mayor Rzeppa, to support this legislation as presented. The motion passed unanimously Rep Darrin Camilleri thanked the Board Members for their advocacy and support Jim Perry thanked Rep Camilleri for all his support assisting the communities Downriver on this effort along with all the other projects that affect this region

Tribute to Jim Perry: Chair Glaab announced that as a follow-up from a recent Chamber award for Jim Perry, he presented a special DCC tribute to Jim Perry of the newspaper article mounted on a plaque, that was titled "**Chamber honors Jim Perry through new award recognizing outstanding community leaders.**" The newly created award is titled the "James S. Perry Community Leadership Award", and Jim is the first recipient of this award The plaque presented by Chair Glaab, further reads "Jim Perry, DCC Executive Director, Recognizing over 40 Years of Exceptional Service to the Downriver Communities " Jim thanked everyone and added that it has been a joint effort working together with the Board and staff over the past 40+ years Everyone applauded

Remarks:

Supervisor Andy Linko of Brownstown Township Announced that he is retiring early in 2022 after 14 years with Brownstown Township. He thanked all the board members for their support, adding that he knows they will continue to keep Downriver a healthy, safe, and vibrant community, and he considers everyone friends, not just colleagues All applauded and congratulated him, thanking him for his service to the Board and community

Chair Glaab thanked everyone for joining in the meeting today and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Motion by Mayor Guzzi, supported by Supervisor Linko, to adjourn at 5 29 p m. The motion passed unanimously.