

<u>Present:</u>	Allen Park	Mayor Gail McLeod
	Brownstown Twp.	Brian Peters, Township Manager
	Dearborn	Bill Irving, Asst Corporation Counsel
	Dearborn Heights	Mariana Hernandez, Chief of Staff
	Ecorse	
	Flat Rock	
	Gibraltar	Mayor Scott Denison
	Grosse Ile Twp.	Supervisor Jim Budny
	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	Dustin Lent, City Administrator
	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 6:22 p.m., with roll call and introductions.

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

Minutes: Motion by Mayor Guzzi, supported by Mayor Woolley, to accept the minutes of the regular board meeting of 12/2/2021 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive-Finance Committee Report:

Executive-Finance Minutes of 2/24/22: Motion by Mayor Guzzi, supported by Supervisor Budny, to approve the Executive-Finance minutes of 2/24/22 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Fiscal Polices Annual Update: Motion by Supervisor Budny, supported by Mayor Guzzi, to approve the Fiscal Polices update as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

SEMCA Workforce Development Board Appointment: Chair Glaab reported there is one vacancy on SEMCA's Workforce Development Board. Motion by Mayor Bowdler, supported by Alternate Lent, to appoint Jay F. Steffensky of PNC Bank, to fill the vacancy previously held by Wanra Pearson of PNC Bank who recently retired, on its Workforce Board from the Business Sector. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Commissioner Ray Basham – Request for Resolution related to Anti-Distracted Driving: Wayne County Commissioner Ray Basham emphasized the urgent concern and danger of people texting while driving on Michigan roads. He gave some statistics that the AAA-Foundation for Traffic Safety has found that 38.6% of drivers reported reading a text while driving in 2019. Moreover, 94% of all drivers viewed texting while driving to be 'very or extremely dangerous". In 2019, there were 14 fatal car crashes in Michigan, involving cell phone use; an increase of 75% from just three years prior. Technology has advanced in a way that allows for drivers to communicate through their vehicles without the necessity of holding their phone and increasing the risk of a crash. Bi-partisan lawmakers in the State of Michigan have introduced legislation that would modernize the current distracted driving law and make it illegal for all commuters to use a cellphone handset while operating a vehicle except when reporting an emergency.

Request for Resolution related to Anti-Distracted Driving (continued):

House Bills 4277, 4278, and 4279 have passed the Michigan State House of Representatives and are awaiting hearing in the Michigan State Senate Judiciary and Public Safety Committee. He asked the DCC Board support the Anti-Distracted Driving Bills (4277, 4278, and 4279) to better increase the safety of Michigan's roads. Motion by Mayor Denison, supported by Alternate Peters, to support the Anti-Distracted Driving Bills as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Andy Linko of Brownstown Township: Chair Glaab expressed his appreciation to Supervisor Andy Linko for his leadership and involvement through the years. The tribute reads. It is with great pride and honor that we extend thanks and tribute to our dear friend Supervisor Andy Linko in recognition of exemplary Dedication and Service as a Board Officer 2020-2022, and as a Board Member from 2010-2022. Supervisor Linko has been an exceptional advocate for DMA-DCC in a multitude of issues and concerns that affect the entire Downriver area. On behalf of the Downriver Mutual Aid and Downriver Community Conference, we are proud to offer this special thanks and tribute to Supervisor Andy Linko for being such an important part of enhancing the quality of life for the Downriver area! (Chair Glaab and Jim Perry presented the framed tribute to Brian Peters, Brownstown Township Manager for Supervisor Linko, who could not attend). Everyone applauded. Brian Peters thanked all the board members for their support of Supervisor Linko.

Remarks from the Audience:

- 1) Ryan Stewart introduced himself. He is an advocate for sustainable water and developing the waterfront in the Downriver area. He spoke about the former McLouth Steel site and the Detroit River International Refuge. He hopes for the waterfront to have more useable and walkable areas.
- 2) Sheriff Raphael Washington said he would like to meet in person with each of the Mayors and Supervisors – to form stronger relationships with the Downriver. He welcomed everyone to call his office anytime.
- 3) Dennis Davidson with the Wayne County Treasurer's Office provided an update that home foreclosures will begin again starting April 1st. They are holding special "Ask the Treasurer" meetings for residents to ask questions and get additional information on how to prevent foreclosures; starting Wednesday, March 9th at 6pm, and then March 16th and 23rd. He suggested that residents go online for additional information and resources at www.michigan.gov.
- 4) Andrew Kandreas with County Executive Warren Evans' office – offered greetings to everyone and said it is great to be back in person again.
- 5) Ron Hinrichs with SWCRC: Said it was great to work DCC in hosting the Governor last month at the DCC Building. He said we had been working on efforts bring her Downriver for some time. He gave special thanks to Congresswoman Debbie Dingell and Bryan McMurrin for making it all happen. The Governor's office notified the media, so they were present for the portion where the Chamber board members met with her and addressed some of their concerns. He praised the relationship with the DCC and Jim Perry, which is dynamic and powerful - working together on many projects. He hopes this meeting with the Governor will bring more focus and jobs to the area. Chair Glaab added that it was a tremendous opportunity to bring everyone together with the member communities and with businesses in the region. There was great synergy built and improved relationship with the Governor. He thanked the DCC, Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber, and all that were involved, and that assisted to make the visit with the Governor so successful. That includes all security from the DMA units, City of Southgate and the DMA SWAT Team.

Motion by Mayor Guzzi, supported by Supervisor Budny, to adjourn at 6:42pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Glaab thanked everyone for joining in the meeting today.