

Present: Allen Park
Brownstown Twp. Supervisor Edward Smith & Brian Peters, Twp. Mgr.
Dearborn
Dearborn Heights
Ecorse Mayor Lamar Tidwell, Vice Chair
Flat Rock
Gibraltar Mayor Scott Denison & Cody Dill
Grosse Ile Twp Supervisor James Budny
Huron Twp
Lincoln Park
Melvindale
River Rouge Mayor Michael Bowdler
Riverview Mayor Andy Swift
Romulus
Rockwood Mayor Dan Guzzi
Southgate Mayor Joseph Kuspa & Dan Marsh, City Admin.
Taylor Mayor Tim Woolley
Trenton
Woodhaven Councilwoman Jan Sikes
Wyandotte Larry Stec, City Clerk

The meeting was opened by the Vice Chair, Mayor Lamar Tidwell, at 6:23 p.m., followed by roll call and introductions.

Agenda Motion by Mayor Guzzi, supported by Alternate Stec, to accept the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously

Tribute to Bill Irving of Dearborn: Jim Perry presented a special framed tribute to Bill Irving who served as a DMA-DCC Board Member from 2002-2022, representing Dearborn, and as an Executive-Finance Committee member from 2006-2022. Tribute included: "It is with great pride and honor that we extend special thanks and tribute to our dear friend **Bill Irving of Dearborn** for his commitment and years of dedication as a DCC and DMA Board Member and Executive-Finance Committee member." Everyone present applauded.

Minutes of 5/5/2022: Motion by Mayor Guzzi, supported by Councilwoman Sikes, to accept the minutes of the regular board meeting of 5/5/22 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive-Finance Committee Report:

Legal Counsel Updates on the building: Kurk Kobiljak gave an update on the building purchase, that we are close to an 'Offer to Purchase' with Creative Montessori Academy (CMA). This is a good deal for DCC, and we won't have as much maintenance to deal with related to the boilers and other upkeep. It's been a long journey/process (5 years) All program staff will shift from the west wing of the building to the south and east hallways. Cari Johnson added that the moves are currently taking place, and everything is running smoothly – that we are right-sizing our space.

The Senior Alliance Board Appointment Motion by Mayor Guzzi, supported by Mayor Woolley, to approve the re-appointment of Ayana King (for a 3-year term October 1, 2022, to September 30, 2025) to The Senior Alliance Board of Directors as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business.

City of Rockwood Resolution: Mayor Dan Guzzi of Rockwood requested the DCC Board to approve a resolution. He gave background details related to the City of Rockwood's request to Wayne County for CDBG funds for the Rockwood senior/community center parking lot. He stated that the County had approved the project in 2020, but with the pandemic, they had not bid the project until 2021, and then again in 2022, with bids submitted for the project increasing each time over the initial approval. Discussion followed and concerns expressed about how community CDBG project requests are handled. Motion by Mayor Guzzi, supported by Mayor Swift, that the DCC Board of Directors supports the City of Rockwood's Senior Center Project through Wayne County (CDBG) funding and encourages both working together to find the best solution to fully cover the City of Rockwood's community project request. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution regarding Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA): A new resolution was presented about the GLWA and the Michigan Court of Appeals order on August 18, 2022, reinstated the \$21 million judgement against the City of Highland Park, in favor of the Great Lakes Water Authority. Motion by Mayor Kuspa, supported by Supervisor Budny, that the DCC Board of Directors hereby reiterates its request that the State of Michigan and/or the Great Lakes Water Authority reimburse our DCC member communities for the \$5.1 million that has been paid towards this debt. The motion passed unanimously.

Ron Hinrichs, Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber:

CDBG: Ron said the Chamber supports all member communities in their CDBG efforts.

Legislative Forum on September 26th with Michigan House candidates; 8:30-10:30am at the Grecian Center in Southgate.

Downriver Career Fair: The Chamber is partnering with DCC and Wayne County Community College (WC3) District on a Downriver Career Fair on October 27th to be held at WC3 on Northline in Taylor.

Downriver Summit: Ron thanked everyone who attended the Downriver Summit earlier today; he was honored that several Mayors/Supervisors could attend. He also thanked Jim Perry for working together to make it a success.

Police & Fire: Jim Perry commended all Police and Fire personnel, stating our Downriver Mutual Aid is the oldest interlocal agreement in the State of Michigan. They put people's lives in their own hands. Everyone who was present, applauded.

Motion by Mayor Guzzi, supported by Mayor Kuspa, to adjourn at 6:43 pm. The motion passed unanimously.