

**DOWNRIVER COMMUNITY CONFERENCE  
REGULAR MEETING – December 1, 2022**

**Item #3 (P.1 of 2)**

<u>Present:</u>	Allen Park	Mayor Gail McLeod
	Brownstown Twp	
	Dearborn	
	Dearborn Heights	Mariana Hernandez, Chief of Staff
	Ecorse	
	Flat Rock	Mayor Mark Hammond
	Gibraltar	Mayor Scott Denison
	Grosse Ile Twp.	Supervisor Jim Budny
	Huron Twp.	Supervisor David A. Glaab
	Lincoln Park	
	Melvindale	
	River Rouge	Mayor William Campbell
	Riverview	Councilman Chuck Norton
	Rockwood	
	Romulus	
	Southgate	Dan Marsh, City Administrator
	Taylor	
	Trenton	
	Woodhaven	Councilwoman Jan Sikes
	Wyandotte	Mayor Rob DeSana

The meeting was opened by the Chair, Supervisor David A. Glaab at 5:20 p m , followed by roll call and introductions. Chair Glaab welcomed newest board member, Mayor William Campbell of River Rouge

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

Minutes of 10/6/2022: Motion by Mayor McLeod, supported by Mayor Denison to accept the minutes of the regular board meeting of 10/6/22 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive-Finance Committee Report

Executive-Finance Committee minutes of 11/17/22: Motion by Supervisor Budny, supported by Councilman Norton, to accept the Executive-Finance Committee minutes of 11/17/22 as presented The motion passed unanimously

DCC Board Meeting Dates: List was included in the packet for board member reference

Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) Resolution: Kurt Kobiljak has been working on behalf of the DCC to help resolve the issues the communities are experiencing with water service debt with GLWA. He proposed the following resolution: that the DCC Board of Directors hereby requests that the Honorable Judge Gerald Rosen, in his capacity as the facilitator between the pending disputes arising between the City of Highland Park and the GLWA, allow a Community Representative selected by the Downriver Community Conference to serve as an active participant in the observation of the negotiations between the parties so as to better protect the interests of their impacted community members. Motion by Mayor Denison, supported by Supervisor Budny, to approve the resolution as presented The motion passed unanimously

New Business:

- 1) Chair Glaab congratulated the newly elected Mayor Michael Higgins of Lincoln Park and Mayor William Campbell of River Rouge

New Business (continued):

- 2) Lisa Wayne, DCC's Chief Executive Officer:
- Commended all the DCC staff with the recent move from the west wing, indicating that all went smoothly.
  - Introduced Ron Goff and shared his new title as Director of Information Technology
  - Updated the Board on DCC's newest fundraising effort and Open House planned for the Spring, noting fundraising forms were on the back table in the board room.

Remarks from the Audience

Angie Winton, with The Senior Alliance (TSA), distributed flyers about their "Give Hunger a Holiday" program, so TSA can continue to meet the needs of food-insecure aging adults and adults with disabilities in the community when traditional meal-delivery services are unavailable

Ed Fakhoury introduced himself; he is the Director of Government & Community Affairs for Wayne County CEO.

Robert Pawlowski Thanked everyone for their support with the public transit millage He is also following the efforts related to water service across the county

Erica Clites with the Michigan Sea Grant program, reported that if any of the communities are interested in economic development projects related to trails, brownfield redevelopment, or habitat restoration, to contact Erica Clites at [clitese1@msu.edu](mailto:clitese1@msu.edu). Michigan Sea Grant has been involved in \$2 million of trails projects (including the Downriver Linked Greenways) and \$25 million in habitat restoration projects Some examples of brownfield redevelopment projects (Diamonds in the Rough – Reclaiming Brownfields for Michigan's Communities) can be found at [www.Michiganseagrant.org](http://www.Michiganseagrant.org) They can also provide information related to water infrastructure, coastal planning and zoning, sustainable small harbors and other topics related to the Great Lakes and coastal communities.

Announcements: Chair Glaab reported

Scott Denison, retired from AAA this week. The Chairman and Board congratulated him

Chamber holiday event: The Chamber's Downriver Community Partnerships (formerly Salute to Government Officials) event is this evening at 6pm at the Grosse Ile Golf and Country Club

Outgoing Mayor Michael Bowdler of River Rouge: Jim Perry commended the former Mayor for his years of service to River Rouge and support to DCC. Mayor Bowdler thanked Jim and the DCC Board of Directors for all their support through the years, adding that DCC is all about helping Downriver Everyone applauded

The next DCC Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6.00 pm

Motion by Mayor McLeod, supported by Supervisor Budny, to adjourn at 5:30 pm. The motion passed unanimously.