

**DOWNRIVER COMMUNITY CONFERENCE**  
**REGULAR MEETING – October 5, 2023**

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

<u>Present:</u>	Allen Park	Mayor Gail McLeod
	Brownstown Twp.	Township Manager Brian Peters
	Dearborn	
	Dearborn Heights	Mayor Bill Bazzi
	Ecorse	Councilwoman LaTonya Lamb
	Flat Rock	
	Gibraltar	Councilman Cody Dill & Mayor Scott Denison
	Grosse Ile Twp.	Supervisor Jim Budny
	Huron Twp.	Supervisor David A. Glaab
	Lincoln Park	
	Melvindale	
	River Rouge	
	Riverview	Mayor Andy Swift
	Rockwood	Mayor Dan Guzzi
	Romulus	
	Southgate	Mayor Joseph Kuspa
	Taylor	
	Trenton	
	Woodhaven	Councilwoman Jan Sikes
	Wyandotte	Mayor Rob DeSana

The meeting was opened by the Board Chairman, Supervisor David A. Glaab, at 6:20 p.m., followed by roll call and introductions.

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

Minutes of 9/7/2023: Motion by Supervisor Budny, supported by Councilwoman Lamb, to accept the minutes of the regular board meeting of 9/7/2023 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation/Special Tributes:

Mayor Dan Guzzi of Rockwood:

Jim Perry noted that this is Mayor Guzzi's last meeting, after not seeking re-election. Jim presented the mayor with a framed tribute, thanking him for his exemplary dedication and service as Board Chairman 2016-2017, as Board Officer from 2012-2023, and as a Board member for 24 years (from 1999-2023). He has been an exceptional advocate for DMA-DCC in a multitude of issues and concerns that affect the entire Downriver area. Mayor Guzzi expressed his thanks to everyone for all their support. All applauded.

Executive-Finance Committee Report:

- 1) Minutes of Executive-Finance Committee meeting 9/25/2023: Motion by Mayor Guzzi, supported by Mayor Swift, to accept the E-F minutes of 9/25/2023 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
- 2) FY2023-2024 Budget: Motion by Mayor Bazzi, supported by Mayor Swift, to approve the budget as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
- 3) DCC Assessment Dues 2023-2024: Motion by Supervisor Budny, supported by Councilman Dill, to approve the 2024-2024 Assessment Dues as presented, noting that the 2020 Census data has been incorporated/calculated with new amounts. The motion passed unanimously.

The Senior Alliance Board Appointment:

Motion by Mayor Guzzi, supported by Mayor Bazzi, to approve Adam Sterling of Dearborn, for a 1-year term (October 9, 2023 to September 30, 2024), to The Senior Alliance Board of Directors as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business: None

Informational Items: None

Remarks from the Audience:

- 1) Tyler Morawa with Senator Darrin Camilleri's office: Reported that the Senator is working on legislation related to prescription drug affordability.
- 2) Carl Kirchen with Congresswoman Debbie Dingell's Office:
  - a) Commended Chief Watson and all the DMA first responders related to the fires in Lincoln Park and Southgate recently.
  - b) The Downriver Summit is scheduled for October 10<sup>th</sup> at the Brownstown Event Center – sponsored by DTE. He encouraged everyone to attend - admission is free but RSVP is required. Please register at [www.swcrc.com](http://www.swcrc.com).
- 3) Mayor Bill Bazzi of Dearborn Heights: Sports World Inc. sends former professional athletes into schools to talk to children and youth about making positive choices. Mayor Bazzi said that Dearborn Heights Police Station will be hosting three former athletes on October 12<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 – 4:00pm to speak on relevant topics such as Identity/Legacy Operating in Your Passion Becoming Yourself. It will include Jimmie Bell (NFL), Rushia Brown (WNBA), and Lee Rouson (NFL), who are motivational speakers. He encouraged first responders to attend to learn more about this amazing support system that saves lives. He will send the flyer via e-mail for reference.

The next DCC Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. (note earlier time due to the Chamber's Celebration Event that same evening).

Motion by Mayor Guzzi, supported by Mayor Bazzi, to adjourn at 6:29 pm. The motion passed unanimously.