

**DOWNRIVER COMMUNITY CONFERENCE
REGULAR MEETING – October 10, 2024**

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Present:

Allen Park	Mayor Gail McLeod
Brownstown Twp.	Supervisor Edward Smith
Dearborn	
Dearborn Heights	Mayor Bill Bazzi
Ecorse	
Flat Rock	Mayor Steven Beller
Gibraltar	Councilman Patrick Valentine
Grosse Ile Twp.	Supervisor Jim Budny
Huron Twp.	Supervisor David A. Glaab
Lincoln Park	
Melvindale	
River Rouge	Alternate Karl Laub, Community Development Director
Riverview	Mayor Andy Swift
Rockwood	
Romulus	Kevin Krause, Director of Community Safety & Development
Southgate	Mayor Joseph Kuspa
Taylor	Mayor Tim Woolley
Trenton	
Woodhaven	Councilman Robert Toth
Wyandotte	City Clerk Larry Stec

The meeting was opened by the Board Chairman, Supervisor David A. Glaab, at 6:14 p.m., followed by roll call and introductions.

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

Minutes of 9/5/2024: Motion by Mayor Woolley, supported by Supervisor Budny, to accept the minutes of the regular board meeting of 9/5/2024 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive-Finance Committee Report: Chair Glaab reported

- 1) Executive-Finance minutes of 10/1/24: Motion by Mayor Swift, supported by Mayor Kuspa, to approve the E-F minutes of 10/1/24 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
- 2) FY2024-25 Budget: Motion by Mayor Bazzi, supported by Mayor Woolley, to approve the budget as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
- 3) DCC Assessment Dues for 2024/2025: Motion by Mayor McLeod, supported by Supervisor Smith, to approve the assessment dues for 2024/2025 as presented, noting no changes from last year. The motion passed unanimously.

Special Presentations/tributes:

- 1) Senator Darrin Camilleri announced that DCC is being awarded \$6.5 million from the State Appropriations for a new DCC-DMA building. Jim Perry thanked Senator Camilleri from all of us at DCC, indicating this is the largest grant DCC has received. All applauded.
- 2) Senator Debbie Stabenow: Chair Glaab and Jim Perry presented a special tribute to Senator Stabenow, 'It is with great pride and honor that we extend special congratulations and tribute to our dear friend Senator Debbie Stabenow in celebration of her retirement from public office.

Senator Debbie Stabenow, “Made in Michigan” through and through, has been one of DCC’s greatest supporters and dedicated Michigan public servants over the past forty-five (45) years. She has been an exceptional advocate for DCC & DMA and its programs, addressing a multitude of issues and concerns that affect the entire Downriver area, and especially with Downriver Mutual Aid and supporting funding for public safety efforts.’ Terry Campbell, legislative director, was present to accept the tribute on behalf of Senator Stabenow. All applauded.

- 3) Supervisor Ed Smith of Brownstown Township and Supervisor Jim Budny of Grosse Ile Township were presented with Certificates of Recognition for their service to the DCC and DMA Board of Directors. Both Supervisor Smith and Supervisor Budny thanked everyone and expressed their support for DCC. All applauded.
- 4) Chair – Supervisor David Glaab – Jim Perry presented a special tribute: ‘It is with great pride and honor that we extend special thanks and tribute to our dear friend Supervisor David A. Glaab for his commitment and dedication as a DCC and DMA Board Officer, and especially for his years of service as our Board Chair! Supervisor David A. Glaab has been an exceptional advocate for DCC & DMA in a multitude of issues and concerns that affect the entire Downriver area. He coached staff through the process of the building sale, and then during the new building purchase process. He has led the DCC team through many challenges and regularly participated in the everyday activities and meetings. During his entire time as Board Chairman, he helped to navigate efficiently and professionally, always guiding as a true leader and advocate for DCC!’ Jim Perry thanked Chair Glaab for his support through the years and for his friendship. All applauded.
- 5) Kurt Kobiljak: Chair Glaab presented a special tribute (shadowbox with a white vest, emblem with Apollo 13, and the book titled “Failure is not an option” by Gene Kranz) ‘It is with special thanks and appreciation to *Kurt Kobiljak* for his 25+ years of commitment and support as former Board Officer 2002-2008, former Board Member 1998-2008, legal counsel since 2011, and for his efforts that have kept the organization strong, sustainable and a positive force for the region. *Kurt* has been an exceptional advocate for DCC and DMA in a multitude of areas that support our programs and services, and especially with the sale of DCC’s longtime building location at 15100 Northline in Southgate, and transition to its recently purchased new home at 2121 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI that will better accommodate DCC’s programs and services. *Kurt’s* very being is about ‘*FAILURE IS NOT AN OPTION*’ the spirit exemplified by the Apollo 13 NASA space mission.’ Kurt thanked Chair Glaab, Jim Perry, and the DCC staff for all their support. All applauded.

New Business:

Beverlyn Beverlyn Hilton, Community Outreach Director, with Treasurer Eric Sabree’s office left two informational flyers:

- 1) Fraud Guard free service provided by Bernard Youngblood, Wayne County Register of Deeds.
- 2) 8th Annual Veterans Resource Fair scheduled for November 21, 2024, at Crystal Gardens in Southgate, 10am – 2:00pm.

The next DCC Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 5th, 2024, NOTE earlier time is at 5:00pm, since the Chamber holiday event is that same evening at 6:00pm.

Adjournment: Motion by Mayor Swift supported by Mayor Woolley, to adjourn at 6:37 pm. The motion passed unanimously.