

**DOWNRIVER COMMUNITY CONFERENCE  
REGULAR MEETING – December 5, 2024**

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

<u>Present:</u>	Allen Park Brownstown Twp. Dearborn Dearborn Heights Ecorse Flat Rock Gibraltar Grosse Ile Twp. Huron Twp. Lincoln Park Melvindale River Rouge Riverview Rockwood Romulus Southgate Taylor Trenton Woodhaven Wyandotte	Mayor Gail McLeod  Mayor Bill Bazzi Mayor Lamar Tidwell Councilman Brian Marciniak Mayor Garrett Shumate Trustee Margaret Shelton  Mayor Maureen Tobin  Alternate Karl Laub, Community Development Director  Kevin Krause, Director of Community Safety & Development Alternate Dan Marsh, City Administrator Mayor Tim Woolley  Councilwoman Jan Sikes
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The meeting was opened by the acting Board Chairman, Mayor Lamar Tidwell, 5:28pm, followed by roll call and introductions.

Agenda: Motion by Mayor Bazzi, supported by Mayor McLeod, to accept the agenda as presented, with one new business item – regarding opposing radioactive waste. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes of 10/10/2024: Motion by Mayor Woolley, supported by Councilwoman Sikes, to accept the minutes of the regular board meeting of 10/10/2024 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Officer Nominations: Acting Chair Tidwell reported Motion by Mayor Bazzi, supported by Alternate Laub, to accept the board officer nominations as presented:

<b>Chair:</b> Mayor Lamar Tidwell of Ecorse	<b>Treasurer:</b> Mayor Tim Woolley of Taylor
<b>Vice Chair:</b> Mayor Andy Swift of Riverview	<b>Secretary:</b> Mayor Rob DeSana of Wyandotte

The motion passed unanimously. Formal election will take place at the February 2025 board meeting.

New Business:

- 1) DCC-CWW Meet & Greet Mixer is scheduled for Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am. DCC Board members are invited to attend (invitation was included in the packet for reference). Resolution Expressing Concern Regarding the Radioactive Waste scheduled to come to Wayne County, Michigan. Jim Perry said the Conference of Western Wayne (CWW) has also passed a similar resolution. Motion by Mayor Bazzi, supported by Mayor McLeod, to approve the resolution as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
  - a. Be it resolved that the Downriver Community Conference Board of Directors joins the Conference of Western Wayne Board of Directors, formally requesting that Wayne Disposal reconsider accepting radioactive waste; and DCC encourages the Federal Government to seek alternative solutions to disposing of their radioactive and hazardous waste, so it does not jeopardize our citizens and infrastructure, including changing interstate agreements; and that the DCC further requests that Wayne County officials be notified in advance of all transport of the referenced waste, and times these semitrailers will be traveling through Wayne County communities.

Informational Items:

- 1) 2025 DCC Board Meeting Dates: List was included in the packet for reference. Next meeting is February 6<sup>th</sup>.
- 2) FEMA BRIC: Jazmine Danci requested that each community forward who their community representative will be on this committee – an Informational Workshop will be held on 1/28/2025. DCC is exploring grants through this program that would evaluate local building codes and ordinances for resiliency.
- 3) Understaffing of Fire Departments: Councilwoman Sikes expressed concerns for inability to respond efficiently to emergencies when communities are understaffed. She thanked DCC for its new program and efforts to assist the communities with training for fire fighters and paramedics; adding that the schooling is hard and expensive. Lisa Kurtzhals said the Community Service program will run through February 2026. Jim Perry said we applied for the grant, with the assistance of Cal Kirchen and Congresswoman Dingell. Mayor Woolley of Taylor thanked DCC for the CDL training for communities, as well. Discussion about legacy costs for communities and public safety personnel retiring. This training offers a very needed benefit to the communities. Jim Perry thanked Jan for bringing this to the table.
- 4) Hazardous Waste: Kevin Krause of Romulus said they also passed a resolution in opposition to the hazardous waste coming to Michigan.

Acting Chair Tidwell wished everyone a Happy Christmas.

Cari Johnson offered a warm welcome to our Acting Chair, Mayor Lamar Tidwell.

Motion by Mayor Bazzi, supported by Mayor McLeod, to adjourn at 5:42pm. The motion passed unanimously.