

**DOWNRIVER COMMUNITY CONFERENCE**  
**REGULAR MEETING – May 7, 2009**

**Item #3**

<u>Present:</u>	Allen Park	Mayor Gary Burtka
	Brownstown Twp.	Deputy Supervisor Greg Mahar
	Dearborn	Alternate Bill Irving, Asst. Corporation Counsel
	Dearborn Heights	Mayor Dan Paletko
	Ecorse	
	Flat Rock	Councilman Jonathan Dropiewski
	Gibraltar	
	Grosse Ile Twp.	Alternate William Krauss
	Huron Twp.	
	Lincoln Park	Mayor Frank Vaslo
	Melvindale	Mayor Valerie Cadez
	River Rouge	
	Riverview	Mayor Tim Durand
	Rockwood	
	Romulus	Delegate Tim Keyes, Economic Development Director
	Southgate	Mayor Norma Wurmlinger
	Taylor	
	Trenton	Councilman Terry Teifer
	Woodhaven	
	Wyandotte	Mayor Joe Peterson & Alternate Todd Drysdale

The meeting was opened by the Chair Terry Teifer, at 6:43 p.m. with community roll call and introductions.

Agenda: Motion by Alternate Mahar, supported by Mayor Wurmlinger, to accept the agenda as presented with one addition – The Senior Alliance grant application. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: Motion by Mayor Peterson, supported by Mayor Vaslo, to accept the minutes of 3/5/09 as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentations:

DCC/CWW Purchasing Cooperative Update: A detailed update was included in the packet for board members information. Linda Paladino, Project Consultant; Mary Beth Bullen, Gallagher Benefit Services and Mark Manquin, Cornerstone RDS Services, presented the board with updates on the project. Linda Paladino said that proposals were received and scored, and an analysis was done for cost savings. Communities should have received informational updates. The individual contact person at each participating community will be sent the detail on benefit levels. Mary Beth Bullen stated that the RFP was placed on MITN and ten vendors responded. Several of those declined to submit bids. Final interviews took place last month. After review, it was narrowed down to: Hartford for Life and Disability Insurance (savings of just over \$200,000 for cooperative – or about 16% overall for each group. A.D.N. Administrators to provide Dental Insurance (Michigan based group – 2<sup>nd</sup> in State just under Delta Dental as largest network). ADN can provide both full insurance and self insurance. They have a very strong network in Michigan – been in business 30 years. National Vision Administrators, LLC (NVA) is the selected vendor for vision coverage. They have a strong network. All three carriers are willing to come to the communities if needed to answer questions. Discussion followed.

June 5<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to advise if your community is in or out. September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 is the target effective date. Mayor Tim Durand thanked staff and consultants for working on this.

Level 6 Staff: Motion by Mayor Paletko, supported by Alternate Mahar, to approve the three level six staff members as requested (Carol Schallhorn, MIS Manager; Sarah Venheizen, Welfare Reform/JET Program Manager; and Nicole Chavez, Fiscal Manager). The motion passed unanimously.

Update on DPW/S (Department of Public Works/Services) Collaborative: Jim Perry and Sue Pilon reported. An overview was included in the packet for information. Jim Perry explained how this effort came together to purchase items together for communities to realize significant savings. Sue Pilon reported that 16 of our 20 member communities attend the meetings regularly. The three areas of focus are: Collaborative Purchasing, Mutual Aid, and simply providing a forum for sharing. She added that the DCC is in the process of updating our website to include an area for DPW departments to share information (would be password protected). Jim Perry commended the board for allowing this kind of cooperative effort.

Sue informed the Board that DCC was not awarded the new Centers for Regional Excellence grant.

New Business:

- The Senior Alliance Transportation: Sue Pilon advised that DCC has been providing transportation services throughout the region for and is requesting board support to submit a new grant application to The Senior Alliance to provide transportation services for seniors for non-emergency medical transportation services. Motion by Mayor Peterson, supported by Alternate Mahar, to support DCC's grant submission to The Senior Alliance as requested. The motion passed unanimously.

Informational items: Chairman Teifer noted the four items included in the packet for board members' information.

Motion by Alternate Mahar, supported by Mayor Durand, to adjourn at 7:08 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.