

Present:

Allen Park	Mayor Gary Burtka
Brownstown Twp.	
Dearborn	Alternate Bill Irving, Asst. Corporation Counsel
Dearborn Heights	Mayor Dan Paletko
Ecorse	Karen Crockett, Assistant to Mayor Worthy
Flat Rock	Councilman Jonathan Dropiewski
Gibraltar	Councilwoman Kathy LaPointe
Grosse Ile Twp.	
Huron Twp.	Linda Spangler, City Treasurer
Lincoln Park	Councilman Mark Kandes
Melvindale	Mayor Valerie Cadez
River Rouge	
Riverview	Mayor Tim Durand
Rockwood	
Romulus	Delegate Tim Keyes, Economic Development Director
Southgate	
Taylor	Alternate Laurie Trueblood, Director of Administration
Trenton	Councilman Terry Teifer
Woodhaven	
Wyandotte	Todd Drysdale, Finance/Admin. Services Director

The meeting was opened by the Chair Terry Teifer, at 6:22 p.m. with community roll call and introductions.

Agenda: Motion by Mayor Paletko, supported by Mayor Durand, to accept the agenda as presented, with several items added (Trash Resolution, Storm Water Retention ordinance, Detroit Water Facility upgrade work and Downriver Wastewater Treatment Facility). The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: Motion by Mayor Cadez (for Mayor Vaslo), supported by Alternate Trueblood, to accept the minutes of 6/4/09 as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentations:

Wayne County Storm Water Management Ordinance: Councilman Mark Kandes of Lincoln Park distributed a resolution from Lincoln Park and discussed concern over the Storm Water Management Ordinance that causes great concern for communities in need of redevelopment. In communities like Lincoln Park, that the cost of storm water detention hinders new development - they are competing against open areas that have never been developed. He asked that each community take action and also for DCC to take action as a whole. Discussion followed as several communities share similar concerns. Consensus was for a special meeting to be set up with the DCC Board, Wayne County and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

Downriver Linked Greenways: Anita Twardesky and Mary Bohling distributed brochures and congratulated Downriver Community Conference for being awarded a \$25,000 grant for DCC's Greenways program from the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan. This special grant will allow the greenways initiative to move forward with several projects, including signage for the community trails, reprinting the program brochure, a survey of the economic impacts to our water trail and possibly a mini-grant program. They did an overview of where the project is at this point, adding that the project started in 1998, and said that more details are available on their website at [www.downrivergreenways.org](http://www.downrivergreenways.org). Anita reviewed the Greenways map and scheduled activities. They are working with Michigan State University on an Economic Impact Study of the water trails and what these trails mean to our communities. She asked that each community provide feedback to them when they send letters about distributing the dollars for the trails.

Funding/Grant Opportunity Update:

Sue Pilon reported that it has been a very busy period with grant applications. The following grant applications were submitted: 1) Work Keys Career Readiness \$495,000 for testing customers (SEMCA grant pending); 2) Two COPS grants thru the US Department of Justice – one for \$750,000 for police equipment/supplies and the second one for \$500,000 Congressionally Selected Award for maintenance and upgrade of the E911 system (both are pending); 3) Low-income Energy Assistance for \$900,000 to assist residents with paying heating bills (Michigan Public Service Commission – pending); 4) The Senior Alliance for \$77,000 (awarded) to provide non-emergency medical transportation to seniors; 5) Michigan Works – Jobs Education & Training (JET)/Welfare Reform – requested \$2,714,000 – received word of funding but not sure amount; 6) JARC (Jobs Access Reverse Commute) transportation grant to SEMCOG is handling for SMART (pending) for \$125,000 job related transportation; 7) Michigan Prisoner Re-entry Initiative (thru United Way of Southeast Michigan) for \$400,000 to provide transitional jobs programs (approved). The board congratulated Sue for a great job with grant work.

Finance Committee Report: Treasurer Tim Keyes reported.

Finance Minutes: Motion by Tim Keyes, supported by Alternate Trueblood, to approve the Finance minutes of 8-19-09 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

FY 2009-2010 Budget: Treasurer Tim Keyes gave an overview of the budget, with full detail included in the packet. A power point presentation was sent from Kim Donahey via e-mail to offer more details on the budget. Terry Teifer added that we are still negotiating to sell a portion of the building to the Creative Montessori Academy. Paula Boase explained the Brownfield Redevelopment program and how communities can get funding for projects (currently 12 communities participate in the program). After review/discussion, motion by Delegate Keyes, supported by Mayor Paletko, to approve the budget as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

DCC Assessment Dues: Motion by Delegate Keyes, supported by Alternate Trueblood, to approve the 2009-2010 Assessment Dues as presented (remaining the same since 1977). The motion passed unanimously.

Fiscal Policies & Procedures Manual: Our funding agencies are now requiring approval by the full board of our fiscal policies manual (included in the packet for board member review). Motion by Delegate Keyes, supported by Councilwoman LaPointe, to approve the Fiscal Policies & Procedures Manual as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Detroit Water Facility in Allen Park: Mayor Gary Burtka reported that Detroit is upgrading their water facility in Allen Park on Old Goddard Road for \$30 million, being paid by water customers. Mayor Burtka expressed great concern for the Detroit Mayoral executive order allowing all work to be done by Detroit residents. He added that thirteen communities are working to form a Utility Authority to help save money; that most of the communities are using the Downriver Wastewater Treatment Facility. Mayor Paletko shared his concern for the charge-backs from Wayne County and that is the reason for their efforts to form this authority.

Yard Waste – SB 725: Mayor Tim Durand distributed a proposed resolution for the DCC Board to support SB 725 to restore the opportunity of allowing yard waste to be deposited into landfills which have facilities to convert the methane gases into reusable energy. Motion by Mayor Durand, supported by Mayor Burtka, to approve the resolution as presented (motion withdrawn). After discussion, motion by Councilwoman LaPointe, supported by Delegate Keyes, to table the item until the next meeting so board members would have a chance to discuss with their individual communities. The motion passed unanimously.

Chamber Updates: Alan Anderson with the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber, advised the board of the following efforts/events: (1) Greening Downriver – Pure Michigan Campaign is offering to link into community websites – there is a 3-hour instructional meeting to be scheduled (this effort is a result of part of the Summit held last year); (2) He reminded everyone of the upcoming Steak Roast in Riverview on September 14<sup>th</sup> starting at 4:30 p.m.; (3) the next Legislative Forum is scheduled for September 21<sup>st</sup> featuring Speaker of the House Andy Dillon as the guest speaker; and (4) the Chamber is looking for candidates for their upcoming Leadership 21 class.

Remarks from the Audience:

Cindy Dingell with Wayne County, advised that Wayne County wants to be part of the Storm Water Ordinance meeting that DCC plans to set up with the communities.

The Senior Alliance: Jason Masiewski, the new Director of Planning for TSA, distributed information about the TSA's board reorganization as mandated by the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging (OSA). Bob Brown explained in more detail, that this reorganization does not affect services to the communities.

Motion by Mayor Durand, supported by Delegate Keyes, to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.