

DOWNRIVER COMMUNITY CONFERENCE
REGULAR MEETING – October 7, 2010

Item #3

<u>Present:</u>	Allen Park	Mayor Gary Burtka
	Brownstown Twp.	
	Dearborn	Mayor Jack O'Reilly
	Dearborn Heights	Mayor Dan Paletko
	Ecorse	
	Flat Rock	Mayor Jonathan Dropiewski
	Gibraltar	Mayor James Gorris
	Grosse Ile Twp.	Supervisor Brian Loftus
	Huron Twp.	Supervisor Elke Doom
	Lincoln Park	Mayor Frank Vaslo
	Melvindale	Mayor Valerie Cadez
	River Rouge	
	Riverview	Mayor Tim Durand
	Rockwood	
	Romulus	Tim Keyes, Economic Development Director
	Southgate	Brandon Fournier, City Administrator
	Taylor	
	Trenton	Councilman Terry Teifer
	Woodhaven	Mayor Pro-tem Jeffrey Harris
	Wyandotte	Todd Drysdale, Finance Director

The meeting was opened by the Chair Terry Teifer, at 7:50 p.m. with community roll call and introductions.

Agenda: Motion by Mayor Paletko, supported by Mayor Durand, to accept the agenda as presented, with one addition (contract award for new liability & property insurance carrier under Finance Committee report). The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: Motion by Mayor Vaslo, supported by Delegate Keyes, to accept the minutes of 9/2/10 as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation:

Downriver Linked Greenways Initiative: Mary Bohling reported. The Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan had given them a \$25,000 award last year, with DCC as the fiduciary on that grant. DLGI was able to leverage an additional \$31,000 as a result of that grant. Mary distributed new maps of the greenways and gave updates including their enhanced website, water trail survey, and confidence markers (free to communities). She distributed a list of winners of the mini grant funding, totaling \$16,000. The final funding usage report was also distributed. Mary thanked DCC for their support with the Downriver Linked Greenways over the years.

Finance Committee Report: Treasurer Tim Keyes reported.

Liability & Property Insurance: Tim Keyes explained that a bid was requested for a new carrier for Liability and Property Insurance – two bids were submitted. Motion by Mayor Durand, supported by Mayor Pro-Tem Harris, to award The Alliance (the lowest bidder) the contract (10/1/10 - 10/30/11) for \$57,556. The motion passed unanimously.

Checks over \$5,000: Motion by Mayor Vaslo, supported by Mayor Durand, to approve payment of check for \$57,556 to The Alliance to cover the new Liability and Property insurance. The motion passed unanimously.

The Senior Alliance (TSA) Board Vacancy:

Mayor Frank Vaslo reported on the need to fill the vacancy on the TSA Board of Directors due to term end of Mayor Cadez. Motion by Delegate Keyes, supported by Mayor O'Reilly, to appoint Mayor Gerald Brown of Trenton to a three-year term to fill the TSA board vacancy as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Nominating Committee Report:

Chair Terry Teifer reported that officer nominations are needed to serve for 2011. A memo asking about board interest was included in the packet. He asked board members to respond to Cari Eggleton, as nominations will be presented at the November board meeting, with elections taking place at the December board meeting.

New Business:

Film Initiative Committee: Jim Perry reported that the Film group met on September 30th with nine communities attending this first meeting. Initial action was to collect permits and ordinances relating to the film industry and asking all communities to standardize these so we can have a regional approach. The group is also encouraging area businesses who have benefited from filming in their communities, to contact their legislators to keep the current tax incentive. Mike Donofrio was voted Chair of the group.

Tour of Central Dispatch at Wyandotte Police Station: Jim Perry reported that Mayor Joe Peterson and Chief Dan Grant invited board members to tour the new Central Dispatch facility located at the Wyandotte Police Station on October 20th at 6:00 p.m. Cari asked board members to respond directly to Rosanne in Mayor Peterson's office.

New DCC Annual Report: Jim Perry referenced the new DCC Annual Report that was distributed for board members to review. We used a new format this year.

DTE: Madelyn Williams of DTE, distributed folders of information for review. She said DTE is committed to assisting customers, and asked for communities to inform their residents of DTE's outreach program. Customers may call 1(800) 477-4747 for energy assistance or 1(800) 545-8046 for the Case Management Program (includes social workers who can connect those in need to various resources in the community). Assistance is also available on-line at DTE. Last year DTE assisted over 200,000 customers through these services. United Way 211 is also a very useful referral network to assist those in need. She said there are many do-it-yourself tips to reduce energy bills. Madelyn is DTE's corporate customer liaison. Jim Perry said DCC will be receiving \$1 million from MPSC to help with heating bills again, with new contract to begin in January. We've assisted almost 1,000 customers to date.

Motion by Mayor Durand, supported by Delegate Keyes, to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.