

**DOWNRIVER COMMUNITY CONFERENCE  
REGULAR MEETING – November 4, 2010**

**Item #3**

<u>Present:</u>	Allen Park	Mayor Gary Burtka
	Brownstown Twp.	Treasurer Barbara Warren
	Dearborn	Mayor Jack O'Reilly
	Dearborn Heights	Mayor Dan Paletko
	Ecorse	Mayor Pro-tem Darcel Brown
	Flat Rock	Councilman Paul Gagne
	Gibraltar	Mayor James Gorris
	Grosse Ile Twp.	
	Huron Twp.	
	Lincoln Park	Mayor Frank Vaslo
	Melvindale	Mayor Valerie Cadez
	River Rouge	
	Riverview	Mayor Tim Durand
	Rockwood	Mayor Daniel Guzzi
	Romulus	
	Southgate	
	Taylor	Mayor Jeffrey Lamarand
	Trenton	Councilman Terry Teifer
	Woodhaven	Mayor Pro-tem Jeffrey Harris
	Wyandotte	Mayor Joseph Peterson

The meeting was opened by the Chair Terry Teifer, at 6:30 p.m. with community roll call and introductions.

Agenda: Motion by Mayor Vaslo, supported by Mayor Cadez, to accept the agenda as presented, moving the Nominating Committee report up (prior to presentation). The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: Secretary Frank Vaslo reported. Motion by Mayor O'Reilly, supported by Mayor Guzzi, to accept the minutes of 10/7/10 as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Finance Committee Report: Mayor Tim Durand reported in absence of Treasurer Tim Keyes.

Minutes of 10-7-10: Motion by Mayor Guzzi, supported by Mayor Peterson, to approve the Finance Committee minutes of 10-7-10 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Nominating Committee Report:

Committee Chair Tim Durand presented a slate of officer nominations to serve for 2011, adding that nominations will remain open until the December meeting, when the election occurs. He asked board members to let Cari Eggleton know if there is additional interest.

Presentation:

Weatherization Program Updates: Paula Anderson, Weatherization Program Director, and Dan Kempe, Program Manager, gave updates about the program, along with a Power Point Presentation, and said they are celebrating Weatherization Day (cake and coffee were available for those in attendance). They also distributed program income guidelines and asked all board members to assist with getting the word out to the communities (placing on web sites and cable TV). Paula also distributed energy light bulbs and dryer vent cleaners to prevent fires. Jim Perry announced that DCC would be providing assistance with heating bills again starting in January.

New Business:

Support SB 1475 Support Government Immunity Statute: Mayor Jack O'Reilly asked the board to support Senate Bill 1475 to help protect communities. He said that adoption of Senate Bill 1475 would greatly assist municipalities by providing clarification of the governmental immunity statute and by limiting claims for sidewalk defects to cases where a true defect may exist, i.e., the discontinuity defect exceeds two inches. It is unreasonable to expect municipalities to be guarantors of sidewalk safety and the bill would limit certain claims for defects of less than two inches, while still providing that the presumption may be rebutted in accordance with the terms of the bill, or if the defect exceeds two inches. Motion by Mayor O'Reilly, supported by Mayor Peterson, support SB 1475, and a resolution be written and sent to the State (Mayor O'Reilly will send necessary wording to Cari for the resolution). The motion passed unanimously. Senator Ray Basham also spoke about this, and said the bill will probably be heard next week.

Getting Excited about Getting a Job: Jim Perry reported that best-selling author and career coach, Jay Block, gave a great workshop for people out of work. This workshop was hosted by DCC and SEMCA, in Trenton at the Trenton Village Theater.

United Way – Job Shadowing Opportunity: Sue Pilon announced that one of DCC's partner agencies is working with Melvindale High School on a job shadowing opportunity for 50 students. She encouraged communities to get involved in this effort - for non-profits, municipalities, and private companies, to provide single-day job shadowing experiences for these students. Please contact the United Way – responses are due right away.

Motion by Mayor Guzzi, supported by Mayor Peterson, to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.