

**DOWNRIVER COMMUNITY CONFERENCE
REGULAR MEETING – May 5, 2011**

Item #3

Present:

Allen Park	
Brownstown Twp.	
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.	Trustee Pamela Frucci
Huron Twp.	Supervisor Elke Doom
Lincoln Park	Mayor Frank Vaslo
Melvindale	Mayor Valerie Cadez
River Rouge	Mayor Michael Bowdler
Riverview	Mayor Tim Durand
Rockwood	Mayor Daniel Guzzi
Romulus	Tim Keyes, Economic Development Director
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 Mayor Valerie Cadez, at 6:46 p.m. with community roll call. Mayor Vaslo welcomed Sue Pilon back from medical leave, and all board members applauded her recovery.

Agenda: Motion by Mayor Vaslo, supported by Mayor Peterson, to accept the agenda as presented, with one addition (Oppose Issuance of Permits for Hazardous Waste Deep Injection Well in Romulus). The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: Secretary Tim Keyes reported. Motion by Mayor Peterson, supported by Mayor Bowdler, to accept the minutes of 4/7/11 as written. The motion passed unanimously.

SEMCA Board Alternate: Motion by Mayor Peterson, supported by Mayor O'Reilly, to approve appointment of Carol Demeter as alternate to James Van Buren of U.S. Steel – Great Lakes Division to represent the Downriver private sector on the SEMCA Workforce Development Board. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Oppose Issuance of Permits for Hazardous Waste Deep Injection Well in Romulus: Mayor Jeff Lamarand presented a resolution to the board opposing proposed actions by the U.S. EPA and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to issue permits to Environmental Geo-Technologies (EGT) that will authorize the company to commence operations at the former EDS commercial hazardous waste injection well facility in Romulus. Romulus and surrounding community residents have raised concerns throughout the past two decades regarding the viability of the former EDS hazardous waste injection well project, which was shut down nine months after operations began. Since the closure of the former EDS facility, the City of Detroit Police and Fire Retirement System (PFRS) has partnered with Jim Papas, who formed the company Environmental Geo-Technologies (EGT), to resume operations of the now closed facility. The community is now faced with the prospect that this facility, which has been an environmental and public health threat to the people in this region for nearly two decades, could reopen. Tim Keyes thanked the communities for supporting Romulus's fight and gave additional history on this issue. Motion by Mayor Vaslo, supported by Delegate Keyes, to approve the resolution as presented. Further discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Tim Durand reported that he was notified by the EPA that the owner of the Riverview-Trenton Railroad Company refused to clean up the area next to the Grosse Ile Toll Bridge (cost is \$500,000 dollars to clean it up).

Informational Items: Mayor Cadez reviewed the items which included: DCC being recognized by City of Southgate with a "Spotlight on Service" award; thank you note from Mayor Paletko; Resolution from City of Lincoln Park regarding 'Request for State to Re-evaluate Current Tax Structure'; and seven complimentary notes from Weatherization customers.

Next board meeting is scheduled for June 2nd at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Mayor Peterson, supported by Mayor Guzzi, to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.