

**DOWNRIVER MUTUAL AID
REGULAR MEETING – May 5, 2011**

Item #4

Present:

Allen Park	
Brownstown Twp.	
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

Others present: Police Chief Dan Grant, D/F/Lt. Darwin Scott & Fire Chief Bruce Vick

The meeting was opened by the Chair, Mayor Valerie Cadez at 6:10 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance, roll call and introductions followed.

Agenda: Motion by Mayor Peterson, supported by Mayor Vaslo, to accept the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Presentation:

New Jail Facility: Sheriff Benny Napoleon provided a Power Point presentation explaining details about the new Wayne County Justice Center – Consolidated Central Detention Center:

- This one facility would replace current three jails (2 from Detroit; 1 from Hamtramck)
- Combine resources to save \$20 - \$30 million each year; majority of savings from personnel; economy of scale - one kitchen versus 3 kitchens
- Inmate set up easier to handle; one inmate per cell which cuts down on incidents; One deputy for 64 prisoners/pod; Each pod has its own recreation area; Better, safer environment for deputies, workers, and inmates
- Prisoners with like offenses will be grouped together
- Video visitation with monitors, which limits the need to move inmates through the building
- This video monitors will be used for hearings, and attorneys can meet with prisoners via webcam instead of direct visit if they choose; cuts down the need for transporting back and forth to local courts
- Food is brought directly to prisoners in their pods – cuts down on incidents
- Jails currently have a total of 1,776 beds; new jail will house 2,000 beds in one facility
- Located directly across from Frank Murphy Hall of Justice with tunnel access
- Present per day rate is \$140; new jail is estimated to be approximately half that amount per day (preliminary estimate)
- Wayne County will continue to transport prisoners from the communities to new jail
- They expect an August groundbreaking, with scheduled open in June 2014

New Jail Facility (continued):

Discussion followed regarding: \$225 million in bonds to cover expense of new jail, but cost savings will cover debt service; addiction and mental health services for inmates, along with prevention programs; tether follow-up program; and parking. Sue Hall answered questions about the bonds and said progress for the project can be viewed on their website on Sheriff-connect. Ron Moran of Ghafari Associates is the consultant hired to coordinate the project and construction jobs. Mr. Moran was present and explained that the RFP for construction will go out in May, followed with three outreach meetings with contractors in different locations of the county.

Downriver Mutual Aid Report:

DRANO: D/F/Lt. Darwin Scott was not present. Activity report included in the agenda packet was received and filed.

Police: Police Chair Dan Grant reported. (1) They met with the radio consultant, RCC, with police and fire representatives, along with reps from the Technology Committee – moving forward with that project; (2) The Downriver Guidance Center gave a presentation at the Chiefs' meeting on the Kids Talk Program (program used when interviewing children age 14 and under, who were victims of a sexual assault; (3) The Police Chiefs are in the process of updating their Operations Manual relating to require sworn personnel for responding to incidents; (4) The Dive Team had training on March 23rd in Riverview assisting Southgate PD and recovery of a stolen device that went into a storm drain; The Dive Team also had training and equipment inventory on March 31st at the Grosse Ile Department of Public Safety, along with Open Diving navigation.

Fire: Fire Chair Bruce Vick reported. (1) Dive Team activity report (see above in Police Report); (2) The Haz Mat Team and Arson Task Force had no callouts since last meeting.

New Business: None

Motion by Mayor Durand, supported by Delegate Keyes, to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.