



Alliance
of Rouge
Communities

MEETING NOTES
ALLIANCE OF ROUGE COMMUNITIES

December 6, 2006
Troy Community Center
3179 Livernois
Troy, Michigan

Working together, restoring the river

Allen Park
Auburn Hills
Beverly Hills
Bingham Farms
Birmingham
Bloomfield Hills
Bloomfield Twp.
Canton Twp.
Commerce Twp.
Dearborn
Dearborn Heights
Farmington
Farmington Hills
Franklin
Garden City
Inkster
Lathrup Village
Livonia
Melvindale
Northville
Northville Twp.
Novi
Oakland County
Orchard Lake Village
Plymouth
Plymouth Twp.
Pontiac
Redford Twp.
Rochester Hills
Romulus
Southfield
Superior Twp.
Troy
Van Buren Twp.
Walled Lake
Washtenaw County
Wayne
Wayne County
Wayne County Airport
Authority
West Bloomfield Twp.
Westland
Wixom
Ypsilanti Twp.

1. Welcome – Kurt Giberson, ARC Chair, thanked the City of Troy for hosting this meeting of the Full Alliance.

a. **Roll Call /Determination of Quorum** - Roll call was taken. The 25 members listed below were in attendance and sufficient for a quorum.

The following were in attendance:

Auburn Hills	Farmington	Pontiac	Wayne County
Beverly Hills	Farmington Hills	Rochester Hills	Wayne County Airport Authority
Bingham Farms	Lathrup Village	Southfield	West Bloomfield Twp.
Birmingham	Livonia	Troy	Ypsilanti Township
Bloomfield Twp.	Northville	Van Buren Twp.	
Canton Twp.	Northville Twp.	Walled Lake	
Dearborn	Oakland. Co. Drain	Wayne	

The following were not in attendance:

Allen Park	Franklin	Orchard Lake Village	Superior Twp.
Bloomfield Hills	Garden City	Plymouth	Washtenaw County
Commerce Twp.	Inkster	Plymouth Twp.	Westland
Commissioner	Melvindale	Redford Twp.	Wixom
Dearborn Heights	Novi	Romulus	

b. **Approval of August 23, 2006 Meeting Minutes.** - A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes, it was seconded, and passed unanimously.

c. **Additions or changes to the Draft Meeting Agenda.** - There were no additions or changes to the agenda.

d. **Chair's Report**

i. **Oakland County Drain Commissioner Joins Alliance.** Kurt Giberson shared the good news that the OCDC has joined the Alliance noting that they had been supporting and participating all along. He also noted that OC requested a review of the Bylaws with regard to criteria

for determining in-kind service value in lieu of assessments to counties. Although the Bylaws cannot be changed this year, the Chair assured the group that all of OCDC's concerns about the bylaws will be reviewed in 2007.

- ii. **Summary of Executive Committee meeting and recommendations** - Gary Mekjian summarized the items discussed at the November 15, 2006 Executive Committee meeting.

2. Treasurer's/Finance Committee Report (Tim Faas)

- a. **Status of Alliance 2006 Invoice Payments** - Invoices are 100% paid.
- b. **2006 Budget/Expenditures Status Report** – Treasurer Faas reported on 2006 budget status indicating that he expected approximately \$56,000 of unallocated funds from the 2006 budget to carryover to the 2007 budget.
- c. **2006 Budget Amendment Requests** - A motion was made for a reduction in the 2006 budget of \$27,500. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- d. **2007 Budget Recommendation** – The Treasurer presented a recommended 2007 budget that included a much leaner contingency percentage than in previous years. The budget reflects an increase in funding for Executive Director services and reductions for PIE and Technical projects. He indicated that this budget will not result in member dues. Appreciation was given to the committee chairs for operating within their budgets in 2006. A motion was made to approve the 2007 budget; it was seconded. There was discussion of the Airport Authority assessment additions and the likelihood of the budget being amended based on negotiations with the Executive Director. The 2007 budget passed unanimously.
- e. **Fiduciary Services Agreement Amendment #3** - A recommendation was made to extend the Fiduciary Services Agreement for one year so the Executive Director could focus on the business of the ARC and not fiduciary services. A motion was made to accept Amendment #3; it was seconded, and passed it unanimously.

3. Standing Committee Reports

- a. Organization Committee (Heise/Payne – Co-Chairs)
 - i. **ARC Cooperating Partners Recommendation** – FOTR and SOCWA/SOCRA were nominated as ARC cooperating partners. The Organizational Committee and Executive Committee recommended to the full Alliance that they both be designated as cooperating partners. Questions arose regarding differentiating between SOCWA and SOCRA and Lillian Dean noted that there was no need to differentiate between the two. A motion was made to make FOTR and SOCWA/SOCRA cooperating partners, it was seconded, and it passed unanimously.
 - ii. **Grant Eligibility Policy Recommendation** - A motion was made to approve an amended Grant Eligibility Requirements policy based on

discussion at the last ARC meeting, it was seconded, there was no discussion, and it passed unanimously.

- b. **PIE (Chair Jennifer Lawson, Troy)**
 - i. **Progress Report** - The Middle 1 and 3 SWMAs posters have been distributed. The PIE Chair thanked the ARC for approving the budget and looked forward to its implementation. No meeting is currently scheduled for the PIE committee.
- c. **Technical Committee (Vice Chair, Gary Zorza, Farmington Hills)**
 - i. **Progress Report** – Vice Chair Zorza provided an overview of activities planned for 2007 and a status report for 2006.
 - a. The MDEQ CMI Bacterial Source Tracking draft final report is undergoing Technical Committee review and will soon be ready for distribution to the full ARC.
 - b. The SWPPI annual report template being developed under IDEP services will be postponed until 2007.
 - c. A preliminary draft of the comparison of alternative IDEP approaches report requested by the MDEQ is being reviewed by the Technical Committee.
 - d. 2007 represents the last year of the 5 year monitoring plan where the Main 3-4 SWMA will be the focus of monitoring.
 - e. Recognition should be made for the importance of a monitoring program: helps in planning, evaluating water quality trends, identifying resource problems, guides IDEP/PEP activities, supports the Technical Committee and SWAGs, RREMAR, quality assurance and quality control, data used for flood studies, data supports grant efforts, and supports MDEQ discussions concerning IDEP activities and TMDLs.
 - f. The Technical Committee (TC) needs to start planning the next 5 Year Plan, especially since grant funding is likely to be reduced, and the monitoring plan may impact SWPPIs.
 - g. The TC will evaluate data sharing opportunities in an effort to minimize water quality monitoring required by the ARC and incorporate findings into the 5 Year Plan.
 - h. Looking at cost effective alternatives for IDEP as requested by the MDEQ.
 - i. Develop a program to promptly pursue grant opportunities.
- d. **Executive Director (ED) Services Ad-hoc Committee Update (Dan Swallow)** - Mr. Swallow reviewed the procedure that the five member Ad-hoc Committee followed in pursuit of an Executive Director for the ARC, which included: the development of a RFP, rating criteria and two envelope system (qualifications/hours of services that will be provided). Four proposals were received that were scored in four categories. Recommendations will be delivered to the EC on December 13, 2006. In January the recommendation for the ED will go to the Full ARC for confirmation. The schedule may change due to contract negotiations, but it is expected that the ED will assume

their position in February. The position is expected to require the hours to be close to a full time position. Thanks to Tim Faas of Canton and Mike Shepard. ARC Chair Giberson thanked the committee for a job well done. The Chair also noted that the strength of the proposals demonstrated a faith in the future of the ARC.

4. Opportunity for Public Comment (Giberson)

- a. Lillian Dean (SOCWA) distributed information on two upcoming workshops on healthy lawn care and discussed a two-hour seminar planned in January at Lawrence Tech on rain gardens.
- b. Amy Mangus (SEMCOG): The Bolt vs Lansing issue will be discussed at their next meeting. In January they will offer municipal training. They are participating in a statewide program that is looking at ways to reduce phosphorus levels.
- c. Lillian Dean was asked how SOCWA is funded and she responded with grant dollars and volunteer efforts.
- d. Kathy Milberg (FOTR) thanked the ARC for their support of FOTR as a cooperating partner.
- e. Jack Bails led a discussion of a recent Kalamazoo Circuit Court judgment regarding township ownership and operation of storm water facilities and how the MDEQ might react to the judgment. The MDEQ is expected to appeal the judgment and if it is invoked in the Rouge Judge Feikens would probably call for some discussion. Judge Feikens and Federal Law are a different issue. It is not expected that this ruling will change how townships participate in the ARC.

5. Summary of Actions of Full Alliance (Giberson)

- a. Adoption of August 23, 2006 minutes
- b. 2006 Budget Amendment approval
- c. 2007 Budget approval
- d. Fiduciary Services Agreement approval
- e. New membership approval
- f. Grant Eligibility Policy approval

6. Upcoming Meeting Schedule (Giberson)

Executive Committee	Canton	December 13, 2006	2:30 P.M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review recommendation of Executive Services selection committee
Full Alliance	Southfield	January 25, 2007	1:30 P.M.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve Executive Services contract • Budget amendments

7. Adjourn