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Executive Director



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DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY
ALLIANCE OF ROUGE COMMUNITIES
November 19, 2018, 1:00 p.m.
Library, Cranbrook Institute of Science

Auburn Hills
Beverly Hills
Bingham Farms
Birmingham
Bloomfield Hills
Bloomfield Twp.
Canton Twp.
Commerce Twp.
Dearborn Heights
Farmington
Farmington Hills
Franklin
Garden City
Henry Ford College
Inkster
Lathrup Village
Livonia
Melvindale
Northville
Northville Twp.
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Oak Park
Oakland County
Orchard Lake
Plymouth
Plymouth Twp.
Pontiac
Redford Twp.
Rochester Hills
Romulus
Southfield
Troy
University of Michigan-Dearborn
Van Buren Twp.
Walled Lake
Washtenaw County
Wayne
Wayne County
Wayne County Airport Authority
West Bloomfield Twp.
Westland
Wixom

1. Welcome (Brandy Siedlaczek, Chair)

a. Roll Call /Determination of Quorum - Roll call was taken. The 22 members listed below were in attendance, which was sufficient for a quorum.

ARC Member	Attended Y/N	ARC Member	Attended Y/N
Auburn Hills	N	Novi	N
Beverly Hills	Y	Oakland County	Y
Bingham Farms	Y	Oak Park	N
Birmingham	N	Orchard Lake	Y
Bloomfield Hills	N	Plymouth	Y
Bloomfield Twp.	Y	Plymouth Twp.	N
Canton Twp.	Y	Redford Twp.	N
Commerce Twp.	N	Rochester Hills	Y
Dearborn Heights	N	Romulus	Y
Farmington	Y	Southfield	Y
Farmington Hills	Y	Troy	Y
Franklin	N	University of Michigan-Dearborn	Y
Garden City	Y	Van Buren Twp.	N
Henry Ford College	N	Walled Lake	N
Inkster	N	Washtenaw County	N
Lathrup Village	Y	Wayne	Y
Livonia	Y	Wayne County	Y
Melvindale	N	Wayne County Airport Authority	N
Northville	N	West Bloomfield Twp.	Y
Northville Twp.	N	Westland	Y
		Wixom	Y

b. Introduction of ARC guests

Brandy Siedlaczek, Chair, asked all guests in attendance to introduce themselves.

c. Additions or Changes to the Draft Meeting Agenda

There were no additions or changes to the agenda.

d. Approval of June 20, 2018 Meeting Summary

The motion was made by Tim Faas, Canton Twp., to approve the June 20, 2018 meeting summary. It was seconded by Charles Markus, Bloomfield Twp., and passed unanimously.

Cooperating Partners:

Cranbrook Institute of Science
Friends of the Rouge
Rouge River Advisory Council
Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority
The Henry Ford
Wayne State University

2. Resolution

Brandy Siedlaczek, Chair, presented a resolution recognizing Tim Faas' service to the ARC upon his retirement.

3. Executive Director Report

a. Grant Status Report

John O'Meara and Annette DeMaria, ARC Staff, gave the grant project status report.

ONGOING GRANTS

SAW Grant: Monitoring and Stormwater Management Planning

- Public Education
 - Public attitudes survey complete.
- IDEP
 - Completed outfall screening to identify priority areas for IDEP work.
 - Sent summary memo of results to each community.
 - Drafted a summary report for the entire watershed (attached to TC1 Budget Recommendation)
- Permit applications
 - Responses to MDEQ's first round of comments were sent by July 13th.
 - Responses to MDEQ's second round of comments were sent by Oct 30th, except Dearborn Hgts which is still outstanding.
- TMDL
 - The Collaborative TMDL Plan was updated to reflect MDEQ latest comments. However, MDEQ is asking for 100 sites to be sampled vs the 60 that are being proposed. Also, they have indicated that they will add sites once they review Wayne County's SWMP/IDEP plans.
 - The plan is on hold until MDEQ reviews Wayne County's SWMP/IDEP plans.
- Monitoring
 - The summary of 2017 water quality data is 99% complete.
 - Bacterial source tracking sampling was completed by counties – will be included in 2018 IDEP reports.
- Stormwater Financing
 - Finalized the financing report and reviewed with the pilot communities.
 - Incorporated community comments and finalized.
 - Also provided to OCWRC for legal review – a positive review was provided by OCWRC resulting in no edits to the report.

A. DeMaria informed the Full ARC that the reports finalized through the SAW grant have been added to the ARC's website and that ARC staff will be doing a presentation on the reports at the first Full ARC meeting in 2019.

EPA Wayne County Rouge AOC Habitat Projects

- **Henry Ford Estate Dam Fish Passage**
 - The fishway channel is currently 95% completed with the overall project about 75% complete.
 - There was some unstable ground found that created some construction changes to stabilize the subgrade.
 - The downstream end of the fishway has been opened to the river and the upstream end is expected to be opened up the week of Nov 12.

- Work will stop this December and final cleanup and site restoration will occur in Spring 2019.
- **Oxbow Phase III Implementation**
 - Site work to begin at the beginning of November 2018.
 - Currently the contractor is excavating the channel connection.
 - Work will continue over the winter and is expected to be completed in June 2018

GLRI USDA Forest Service

The ARC was awarded the grant from the USDA Forest Service for trees to “Mitigate Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Impacts.” Communities are in the process of purchasing and planting trees in the fall of 2018 and spring of 2019.

PAC RRAC Support Grant

The ARC was awarded a Public Advisory Support grant to the MDNR OGL to continue the support to the RRAC and the FOTR fish surveys. RRAC meetings are scheduled and fish surveys are being conducted throughout the watershed.

b. Call for Projects

Annette DeMaria asked members to forward any projects they may have in mind that ARC Staff can begin to research funding mechanisms. She reviewed some projects that have been shared with ARC staff which included a portion of Bell Creek in Livonia and a swale/ditch maintenance in Lathrup Village. A. DeMaria reviewed some of the available grants which include the National Fish and Wildlife Federation for parks and public access in underserved communities and the Southeast Michigan TAP program which includes projects that include non-motorized paths and green infrastructure.

c. Court Ruling

Annette DeMaria reviewed a recent ruling which will be sent to ARC members from the State Court of Appeals was in favor of DWSD’s drainage charge program. This ruling was despite the Court’s finding that only 2 of the 3 Bolt factors were met. In this ruling, the Court found that the 3 Bolt factors should not be evaluated in isolation, but rather in totality, such that a weakness in one factor would not necessarily mandate that a stormwater charge is a tax rather than a fee.

Regarding the Bolt factors, the Court found that DWSD’s drainage charge:

1. Served a regulatory purpose, rather than a revenue raising purpose – DWSD is required to treat stormwater flows that enter the combined sewer system.
2. Was reasonably proportionate to the cost of service – DWSD uses impervious area as the basis for the charge and DWSD does not charge the City for drainage from the streets (streets are considered part of the conveyance system).
3. But was compulsory, rather than voluntary – property owners can only offset 80% of their drainage charge with GI per DWSD’s Green Credit program; and property owners have to pay to construct the GI to obtain a credit, making it impossible to escape the financial demands of the program.

4. Treasurers/Finance Committee Report

a. 2018 Membership Dues

Chris O'Meara reported that all dues for 2018 have been paid except for Oak Park. Jill Rickard will be following up with their Representative.

b. 2018 A/R & A/P Reports

Chris O'Meara reviewed the accounts payable and receivable reports.

c. Email Ratifications

C. O'Meara reviewed the email budget amendment votes that were done earlier in the year. These included:

- 8/16/18 vote with 28 yea and 0 nay - Amendment to the ECT Contract Appendix I SAW Grant which increased the budget to include a SAW grant closeout executive summary, additional updates to 29 permit applications and to prepare responses and to MDEQ and reduction of field activities associated with monitoring DO at 5 additional sites.
- 9/13/18 vote with 23 yea and 0 nay – EPA3 added to the ARC budget for 100% grant funding for AOC habitat design projects at Tamarack Creek in Southfield and Johnson Creek Fish Hatchery Park in Northville.
- 10/10/18 vote with 23 yea and 0 nay – Award of ED Services contract to ECT.

The motion was made by C. Markus, Bloomfield Twp., to approve the ratification of the 3 email votes on 8/16/18, 9/13/18 and 10/10/18. The motion was seconded by S. Mitchell, Lathrup Village and passed unanimously.

d. 2017 Audit

C. O'Meara reviewed the 2017 Audit which showed no issues of non-compliance.

The motion was made by M. Buiten, Wayne, to approve the 2017 Audit. The motion was seconded by D. Moore, Livonia and passed unanimously.

e. 2019 Budget Recommendations

J. O'Meara reviewed the budget recommendations presented by the Finance Committee. The recommendations include activities aligned with the ARC's collaborative plans and include activities that are annual and activities that are over the permit period. The recommendations included a 5-year budget along with a budget for just 2019 and continued with a 2% dues increase annually for all members during the permit period. This will be important as we come to the next permit with the potential of additional monitoring that may be required.

The motion was made by C. Markus, Bloomfield Twp., to approve 2019 Budget Recommendations and continue a 2% dues increase annually during the permit period. The motion was seconded by B. Belair, Canton Twp., and passed unanimously.

5. Standing Committee Reports

a. Organization Committee

Chris O'Meara stated that the Organization Committee has nothing to report.

b. PIE Committee

C. Markus, Bloomfield Twp., reported that we have restocked the pet waste containers, clips, several public ed printed materials, and posters. The ARC banners are making the rounds of the watershed. C. Markus stated that he will be stepping down as PIE Committee Chair with Jacy Garrison, Oakland County, agreeing to serve as PIE Committee Chair beginning in 2019.

c. Technical Committee

K. Mondora reported that the Technical Committee has been reviewing the MDEQs comments on the permit applications and providing responses. Both Wayne and Oakland counties are in the process on conducting IDEP work in the priority areas. A summary of their efforts will be provided in early 2019. K. Mondora announced that she will be acting as Technical Committee Chair in 2019 and then will be stepping down to allow someone else to fill this role for the ARC.

d. Nominations Committee

B. Belair, Canton Twp., asked if there were any additional nominations from the floor for the 2019-2020 ARC officer positions. With none being received, the motion was made by K. Mondora, Farmington Hills, to approve the following 2019-2020 officer slate: Chair – Doug Moore, Livonia, Vice-chair – Charles Markus, Bloomfield Twp., Treasurer – Jill Rickard, Northville Twp. The motion was seconded by T. Faas, Canton, and passed unanimously.

7. Report from Cooperating Partners

Friends of the Rouge

Marie McCormick shared that FOTR their 5-year Strategic Plan should be out in the spring of 2019.

She informed the Full ARC that they are working on getting a kayak launch at the Fort St. Bridge Park and that they continue to work on the water trail.

She reminded the Full ARC that they Stonefly Search is scheduled for January 26, 2019.

Cranbrook Institute of Science

Michele Arquette-Palermo invited ARC members to attend or get involved in the Spring Into Science in April 1-5, 2019. Various groups will be represented with the goal of introducing the general public to outdoor recreation, environmental information and best environmental practices.

Michele Arquette-Palermo discussed the One Water Public Education Campaign that is being led by Cranbrook with support from SEMCOG and the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA). The campaign will result in a regional public education strategy, led by local stakeholders that provides common water resource messaging in southeast Michigan focused on stormwater, wastewater and drinking water. The messaging will seek to foster water resource stewardship, encourage citizens to adopt best management practices and support long-term investment in infrastructure. As part of the campaign, Cranbrook will develop a brand and coordinate the distribution of materials to the local media. She expects these activities to continue through the summer 2019 and be available for community use at that time.

SEMCOG

SEMCOG reminded the Full ARC of the upcoming SEMCOG University on the TAPP program on December 10.

8. Report from Counties

J. Garrison, Oakland County, reported that they are compiling their 14th annual clean water calendar. J. Garrison, Oakland County, stated that their post-construction stormwater standards are progressing and that they are planning meetings with other counties to include regional collaboration. If communities have any questions, they can contact Jim Wineka at the Water Resources Commissioners Office.

N. Mullett reported that they continue to work on their permit with a deadline of 12/1 to provide additional information to MDEQ. He shared that a meeting with the counties and MDEQ is planned for November 28. He informed the Full ARC that the Nankin Lake project is moving forward with ECT doing field investigations and design. He also informed the Full ARC that Wayne County is working with EPA on doing some Rouge Habitat Projects in Wayne County Parks (Bell Creek, Lola Park, Sherwood Park and Lower Rouge Restoration).

9. Report from MDEQ

There was no report from MDEQ.

10. Opportunity for Public Comment

Tim Faas thanked the ARC along with Brandy Siedlaczek for her service over the last several years as ARC Chair. He stated that the ARC has come a long way since the days of Judge Feikens to now.

11. Summary of Actions of Full Alliance (Chris O'Meara, ARC staff)

- The June 20, 2018 meeting summary was approved.
- The ratification of the email votes from 8/16/18, 9/13/18 and 10/10/18 were approved.
- The 2017 Audit was approved.
- The 2019 budget and annual 2% dues increase during the permit period was approved.
- The office slate of Chair – Doug Moore, Livonia; Vice Chair – Charles Markus, Bloomfield Twp.; and Jill Richard, Northville Twp. was approved.

12. Other Business

There was no other business.

13. Adjourn

The motion was made by Charles Markus, Bloomfield Twp., to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Chuck Eudy, Farmington, and passed unanimously.

Alliance of Rouge Communities Attendance List

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Name	Community	Attended	Initials
		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Akers	Ron Van Buren Twp.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Akers	Joseph Novi	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Allen	Ashley Lathrup Village (HRC)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Allen	Ashley Village of Franklin (HRC)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Allen	Ashley Troy (HRC)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Allen	Ashley Birmingham ^{Beverly Hills} (HRC)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AAcer
Allen	Ashley Bingham Farms (HRC)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AA
Arquette-Palermo	Michele Cranbrook Institute of Science	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>[Signature]</i>
Ballnik	Dan RRAC	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Bayley	Nicholas Westland (OHM)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>[Signature]</i>
Bednarski	George Redford Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Beisel	John Farmington Hills	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	JB
Belair	Bob Canton Township	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RB
Best	Matthew Van Buren Twp.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Bivins	Jerome Inkster	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Boote	Marty ECT	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Borton	Cory Bloomfield Township	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CB
Buiten	Mike Wayne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MLB
Byrd	Jim Wixom	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Casari	Tom Northville Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Cassady	Erin Friends of the Rouge	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Craig	Bill RRAC	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Creech	James Village of Franklin	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Cureton	Loyd Northville	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Davis	Paul Rochester Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Dean	Lillian	SOCWA	<input type="checkbox"/>	
DeMaria	Annette	ECT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AD
Dennis	Mike	Redford Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Domine	Mike	Northville	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Dotson	Trisha	Livonia	<input type="checkbox"/>	
El-Gharib	Ramzi	Westland	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Eudy	Chuck	Farmington	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	EE
Faas	Tim	Canton Township	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TF
Fellrath	Patrick	Plymouth Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Finlay	Scott	Troy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SP
Fletcher	Austin	Birmingham	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Garrison	Jacy	Oakland County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	JG
Hammond	Bruce	Melvindale	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Hanna	Karen	Friends of the Rouge	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Hendrickson	Dave	Bloomfield Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Hood	Kathy	Romulus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	KH
Hysinger	Angela	Bloomfield Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
James	Jay	Commerce Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Kahle	Chris	University of Michigan-Dearborn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CL
Kaplan	Steven	West Bloomfield Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Keenan	Shawn	Auburn Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Kern	Ryan	Garden City (Hennessey Engineer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RRK
Kramarz	Kristina	Dearborn Heights	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Kurleto	James	Cranbrook Institute of Science	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Leach	Josh	Farmington	<input type="checkbox"/>	
LeMarbe	Scott	Oak Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	
MacDonell	Matt	Washtenaw County Road Commis	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Markus	Charles	Bloomfield Township	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CJM
Marshall	Ellen	SOCWA	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Marten	Ken	Bingham Farms	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Matthews	Barbara	Village of Beverly Hills (HRC)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
McCallum	Gerry	Orchard Lake Village	<input type="checkbox"/>	
McCormick	Marie	Friends of the Rouge	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Melchert	Ron	Auburn Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Melistas	George	Novi	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Meszler	Thomas	Village of Beverly Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Mitchell	Sheryl	Lathrup Village	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SM
Mlynczyk	Ed	Oak Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Mondora	Karen	Farmington Hills	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	KM
Moore	Doug	Livonia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A
Mullett	Noel	WCDPS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NM
Mullin	Christopher	Wayne County Airport Authority	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Nash	Jim	Oakland County	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Neary	Amy	West Bloomfield Township	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YN
Ohman	Brad	Garden City	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Olsztyn	Olivia	Bloomfield Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
O'Meara	John	ECT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	JO
Ordus	Larrie	Melvindale	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ortiz	Richard	Melvindale	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Paletko	Dan	Dearborn Heights	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Perez	Thomas	University of Michigan-Dearborn	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Pesta	Chelsea	Walled Lake	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Petrella	Sally	FOTR	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Pollizzi	Tim	Rochester Hills	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TP

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Porman	Chris	Plymouth	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Pratt	Evan	Washtenaw County Water Resour	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Price	Meghan	ECT	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Queen	Ed	Wayne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Radtke	Jana	Plymouth Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Rice	Heather	Washtenaw County Water Resour	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Rickard	Jill	Northville Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ridgway	Jim	ECT	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Rohraff	Don	Livonia	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ross	Cyndi	FOTR	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Saif	Sermed	Orchard Lake Village (Tri-Co. Eng.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SS
Scappaticci	Roberto	Romulus	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Schultz	Leigh	Southfield	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Scott	David	Commerce Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Seymour	Lynne	Village of Beverly Hills (HRC)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Seymour	Lynne	Birmingham (HRC)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Siddall	Sheryl	Washtenaw County Road Commis	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Siedlaczek	Brandy	Southfield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Sikma	Tim	Wixom	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sincock	Paul	Plymouth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A.G. ^{ew}
Smrtka	Barb	Farmington Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Spivy	Jamie	Bloomfield Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Tucker	Eric	Inkster	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Wagoner	Bryan	Wayne County Airport Authority	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Whitt	L. Dennis	Walled Lake	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Wieczorek	Mike	Henry Ford College	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Wilson	Tom	Livonia	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Wineka	Jim	<input type="checkbox"/>	

