

Rouge Alliance Agenda
January 25, 2007



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MEETING SUMMARY
ALLIANCE OF ROUGE COMMUNITIES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

January 25, 2007

1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Southfield Parks and Recreation

Room 115

26000 Evergreen Road

Southfield, Michigan

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. Co. Drain
 Commissioner
 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 – Chair

2. Roll Call of Members. Record of members and others present. A quorum was present.

In Attendance:

Chair	Kurt Giberson	Dearborn
Vice-Chair (Acting Chair)	Gary Mekjian	Southfield
Treasurer	Tim Faas	Canton Township
Past Vice-Chair	Wayne Domine	Bloomfield Township
Wayne Co. - Rep.	Kurt Heise	WCDOE
Oakland Co. Drain Com. – Alt	Phil Sanzica	OCDC
Main 1 & 2 - Alt.	Jennifer Lawson	Troy
Main 3 & 4 - Alt.	Mark Kibby	Melvindale
Upper - Rep.	Tom Biasell	Farmington Hills
Upper - Alt.	Jim Zoumbaris	Livonia
Middle 1 - Re.	Aaron Staup	Novi
Lower 1 - Rep.	Dan Swallow	Van Buren Township
Lower 1 - Al.	Bob Belair	Canton
Lower 2 - Rep.	Jack Barnes	Garden City

Not in Attendance:

Washtenaw Co.- Alt.	Michelle Bononi	WCDC
Washtenaw Co.- Rep.	Janis Bobrin	WCDC
Wayne Co. - Alt.	Kelly Cave	WCDOE
Oakland Co. Drain Com.–Rep.	John McCulloch	OCDC
Oakland Co. Drain Com. – Alt	Joe Colaianne	OCDC
Main 1 & 2 - Rep.	Brandy Bakita	Southfield
Middle 1 - Alt.	Jill Rickard	Northville Township
Middle 3 - Alt.	Kevin Buford	Westland
Lower 2 - Al.	Ramzi El-Gharib	Wayne

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Others in Attendance:

Chuck Hersey, SEMCOG
Gary Zorza, Farmington Hills
Jack Bails, RPO
Chris Catalfio, RPO
Jim Murray, OHM

3. Approval of December 13, 2006 Meeting Minutes.
A motion was made to accept the minutes, it was supported, there was no discussion, and it passed unanimously.
4. Additions or changes to the Draft Meeting Agenda.
Phil Sanzica requested a discussion of the 319 grant and USGS gages in Oakland County be added to the Agenda.
5. Chair's Report
 - a. Presentation by SEMCOG (Chuck Hersey) on approaches to the Bolt Decision. Mr. Hersey distributed and discussed the following three documents:
 - Attachment "A": *State and Local Government Financing of Essential Services with User Fees*
 - Attachment "B": *Talking Points: Stormwater Utility Fees* (draft for discussion only-not for distribution)
 - Attachment "C": *Stormwater Utility Act* (draft for discussion only-not for distribution)
6. Treasurer's/Finance Committee Report.
 - a. Mr. Faas reported the agreement with Wayne County has been executed for fiduciary services in 2007.
7. Executive Director Services Committee Report.
Mr. Swallow reported that Ms. Cave has withdrawn her application for the ARC Executive Director position. On Monday January 22, 2007 the Executive Director Services Committee met and unanimously decided to recommend ECT for the position, with Mr. Jim Ridgway as the Executive Director. After Ms Cave, ECT received the next highest score during the evaluation process. There was a brief discussion of the proposal submitted by ECT. There was concern expressed by several members over the Ann Arbor location of the office that ECT has proposed since it is not located in the Rouge River watershed. The Ann Arbor location is where the ECT staff is located that are named in the ECT proposal. It was also mentioned that if Mr. Ridgway should leave ECT the contract should cease. Since Mr. Ridgway is very involved in Oakland County there was concern over a conflict of interest in grant competition between Oakland County and the Rouge communities. It is expected that ECT will develop a scope of services and assume the Executive Director position by March 1, 2007.

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A motion was made to offer ECT the Executive Director position provided that they revise their ARC office location to their Detroit address. The motion was seconded, there was no further discussion, and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Giberson thanked everyone for all of their work.

8. Standing Committee Reports

- a. Organization Committee (Heise/Payne – Co-Chairs)
 - i. New Organizational Committee Members. Recommend to the Full ARC that new members be admitted to the Organizational Committee (Jim Anulewicz, Tom Biasell, and Dan Swallow).
- b. PIE (Chair Jennifer Lawson, Troy)
 - i. Progress Report. A meeting of the PIE Committee was held last Tuesday where a septic workshop was planned and a HHW committee was formed. The next meeting is scheduled in April.
- c. Technical (Vice Chair, Gary Zorza, Farmington Hills)
 - i. Progress Report. The ARC Bacterial Source Tracking report was submitted to the MDEQ and we are awaiting comments. A subcommittee of the Technical Committee met to discuss the IDEP Comparison report. Suggestions were made for revisions to the report, and the report was revised. The MDEQ notified the ARC that they are interested in the results.

d. Oakland County.

Mr. Sanzica distributed three handouts (Attachments “D”, “E”, and “F”)

Attachment “D” – requests permission of ARC to apply for grant to update the plan to 319 standards and asks for letter of support from ARC.

A discussion of updating the subwatershed management plans followed. The City of Southfield will draft a letter to the ARC for grant support that includes the development of a watershed management plan template for the rest of the watershed that meets 319 standards. Jack Bails will draft a letter in the interest of having an ARC member appointed to the Environmental Action Committee.

Attachments “E” and “F”- presentation of USGS streamflow gages that OCDC has financially supported. Request that information be provided regarding who is using gage data, what is it being used for, and suggestions as to how the gages might be funded in the future.

9. Report from WCDOE.

Mr. Heise reported that Wayne County will make another request to Congress for additional grant dollars. Next year the ARC should look at making their own grant request.

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10. Reports from SWAGS.

- a. Main 1 – 2. Jennifer Lawson is replacing Brandy Bakita as representative.
- b. Main 3 – 4. There will be a HHW day on June 14, 2007 in Melvindale.
- c. Upper. Nothing to report.
- d. Middle 1. Nothing to report.
- e. Middle 3. Nothing to report.
- f. Lower 1. Nothing to report.
- g. Lower 2. Nothing to report.

11. Summary of Executive Committee Actions.

- Offer ECT the Executive Director position provided that they revise their ARC office location to their Detroit address.
- Recommend to the Full ARC that new members be admitted to the Organizational Committee.
- The City of Southfield will draft a letter to the ARC for grant support that includes the development of a watershed management plan template for the rest of the watershed that meets 319 standards.
- Jack Bails will draft a letter to support appointment an ARC member to the Environmental Action Committee.
- The Technical Committee was tasked with researching how USGS streamflow data is being utilized.

12. Upcoming Meeting Schedule.

- February 8, 2007, Finance Committee.

13. Adjourn. A motion was made to adjourn, it was seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.