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James W. Ridgway, P.E.
Executive Director

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

MEETING SUMMARY
ALLIANCE OF ROUGE COMMUNITIES
July 25, 2012, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Shannon Hall, Costick Center, Farmington Hills

1. Welcome (Gary Mekjian)

- a. Roll Call /Determination of Quorum** - Roll call was taken. The 26 members listed below were in attendance, which was sufficient for a quorum.

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

b. Introduction of ARC guests

G. Mekjian asked all guests in attendance to introduce themselves.

c. Additions or Changes to the Draft Meeting Agenda

G. Mekjian requested that item 4.d be moved to 4.a so that Tim Faas could give his report and then leave for another meeting.

D. Rohraff requested to add two items to the treasurers/Finance Committee Report as item 2.e Change of Scope to TC3 and 2.f EAB Vendor Bid Analysis.

Cooperating Partners:

- Cranbrook Institute of Science
- Friends of the Rouge
- Rouge RAP Advisory Council
- Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority
- Wayne State University

d. Approval of April 17, 2012 Meeting Summary

The motion was made by Kevin Buford, Westland, to approve the April 17, 2012 meeting summary. It was seconded by Jim Murray, Dearborn, and passed unanimously.

2. Treasurers/Finance Committee Report (Don Rohraff, Treasurer)

a. 2012 A/R and A/P Reports

Don Rohraff reviewed the A/R and A/P reports. The receivables report shows all dues outstanding at this date along with our first 2012 Rouge Grant reimbursement request. He stated that the payables are all in the review process and are being scheduled for payment. The Peer 1 Hosting is the monthly fee to host the ARC Online Reporting System.

b. 2012 Membership Dues

Don Rohraff stated that all membership dues invoices have been sent out. Those that are more than 90 days past due will be contacted by an officer.

c. 2012 Budget Amendment/ECT Contract Amendment

2012 Budget Amendments

Don Rohraff reviewed the Finance Committee Budget Amendment 2 which adds the SPAC RRAC Facilitation grant in the amount of \$50,207 to the budget. The ARC received this 18 month grant from the Great Lakes Commission to facilitate the Rouge RAP Advisory Council. The ARC was awarded the funding in May, 2012, with activities beginning on May 1, 2012. This amendment adds the GLC PAC grant budget line to the 2012 ARC Budget with funding anticipated for 2012 activities in the amount of \$25,000 with no match required. The remainder of the grant funds (\$25,207) will be booked in the 2013 budget. The motion was made by Kevin Buford, Westland, to approve the 2012 Budget Amendment adding the GLC PAC Grant for RRAC Facilitation as presented by the Finance Committee. The motion was seconded by Kathy Hagaman, Bingham Farms, and passed unanimously.

Don Rohraff reviewed the Finance Committee Amendment 3 which adds the Erb Foundation Legacy Facilitation grant in the amount of \$150,000 to the budget. The ARC received this 18 month Capacity Building grant from the Erb Family Foundation which will allow the ARC to proceed with the EPA Legacy Act proposal to investigate the contaminated sediment in the Lower Main Stem. The ARC was awarded the funding in June, 2012, with activities beginning on July 1, 2012. This amendment adds the Erb Capacity Building grant budget line to the 2012 ARC budget with funding anticipated for 2012 activities in the amount of \$80,000 with no match required. The remainder of the grant funds (\$70,000) will be booked in the 2013 budget. The motion was made by Jack Barnes, Garden City, to approve the 2012 Budget Amendment adding the Erb Foundation Grant to support the Legacy Project Submittal as presented by the Finance Committee. The motion was seconded by Kevin Buford, Westland, and passed unanimously.

2012 ECT Contract Amendment

Don Rohraff reviewed the 2012 ECT Contract Amendments that add the Scope of Services for SPAC 4 RRAC Facilitation under Appendix J and ERB1 Capacity Building for the ARC Legacy Project under Appendix K. The motion was made by Kathy Hagaman, Bingham Farms, to approve the 2012 ECT Contract Amendment as presented by the Finance

Committee. The motion was seconded by Jim Murray, Dearborn, and passed unanimously.

d. 2013 Budget Preparation Schedule

Don Rohraff reviewed the 2013 budget preparation schedule with the Full ARC. This item was passed out for information. Don Rohraff stated that we are on schedule with email requests being sent out to the ECT along with the committee chairs to provide their draft budgets.

e. Change of Scope for TC3

Karen Mondora, Technical Committee Chair, reviewed the request to rescope a portion of TC3 – IDEP which is dedicated to providing an IDEP training session to municipal staff. The Technical Committee has decided to reduce the training from 6 hours to a more manageable 4 hours so it can become a half-day training. In lieu of conducting an IDEP training in 2012, the training materials will be reviewed and streamlined to include only 4 hours of content. This request is to modify only the scope, there is no budget increase.

f. EAB Tree Replacement Grant Vendor Bid Analysis

Don Rohraff, Westland, reviewed the memo regarding the National Forest Service EAB Tree Replacement Grant Vendor Bid Analysis. The ARC advertised for the procurement of 1,050 trees to be delivered to 12 member communities between Fall 2012 and Fall 2013. The Executive Director Staff will move forward with developing the contract documents between the ARC and Natures Garden Center, LLC of Saline, Michigan for the procurement and delivery of the trees to member communities. Jim Murray, Dearborn, asked if anyone was familiar with this company. Tim Faas, Canton, stated that they have used them several times in the past with no issues.

3. Executive Director Report

a. Grant Status Report

Ongoing Grants

The NOAA Wayne Road Dam project construction has started this week. Construction is planned for the next 3 months.

Public Advisory Council/Great Lakes Commission:

The ARC and the Rouge RAP Advisory Council (RRAC) as per the budget amendment received a \$50,000 grant application to the Great Lakes Commission to facilitate RRAC meetings; create an RRAC web page on the ARC website; update the Rouge Report Cards for each subwatershed, and create a Lower Rouge Delisting Strategy.

Erb Family Foundation:

The ARC received \$150,000, per the budget amendment, to continue the work on developing a proposal for the Legacy Project.

Outstanding Grant Applications:

ARC Staff was informed that we did not receive NOAA Fisheries/GLRI funding for the design of a fish passage at Henry Ford Estate Dam.

The CMI 2012 grant that the ARC applied for is still outstanding.

b. Contested Case Update

Jim Ridgway stated that the contested case had been stayed, the Circuit Court actions had been stayed and the Appellate Court action are expected this year. He informed the ARC that most of the remaining counts were Headley related. After nearly a year of legal maneuvers, the lawyers expect more movement this year.

c. Watershed Management Plan Update

Jim Ridgway reported that the MDEQ has approved the ARC's Watershed Management Plan as of July 5, 2012 for CMI/319 funding. The next round of 319 grants has not been announced but we anticipate it sometime in September. A CD copy of the plan was handed out to each member and the full report can be found on the ARC website.

Kelly Cave asked Jim Ridgway if he knew of any other grant opportunities coming up? Jim Ridgway stated that he knew of one more GLRI round still to come.

d. EPA GLNPO Legacy Project Update

Jim Ridgway reported that ARC Staff have received funding through the Erb Foundation in the amount of \$150,000 to fund the ARC oversight of the Legacy proposal/project. Jim Ridgway stated that the EPA will do the feasibility study and cost. They will then come back to the ARC for guidance. Jim Ridgway reported that the major industries have agreed to work together on this very important project.

e. Permit Update

Jim Ridgway informed the Full ARC that after the workgroup meetings with MDEQ most people felt like the MDEQ was working hard on incorporating our comments. He said that the required monitoring was removed, however the post construction requirements have not been released yet. Jim Ridgway stated that hopefully there will be one more meeting before it is released. Hae-Jin Yoon, MDEQ, stated that their hope is to start issuing permits in October starting with the Upper Grand and that all permits will be watershed based. She also stated that they anticipate holding watershed training for permit holders. She also expects another permit workgroup meeting in September. The Rouge Watershed should expect a new permit in 2017 and operate under the expired permit until then. There will be bi-annual reporting for every other year. Hae-Jin Yoon introduced Andrew Bahrou who will be taking the place of Tracy Kecskemeti at the MDEQ. If you are not clear on the permit moving forward please feel free to contact Andrew at bahroua@michigan.gov.

4. Standing Committee Reports

a. Nomination Committee

Tim Faas let the Full ARC know that typically the past chair acts as chair of the nominating committee. He stated that this is an election year and the 2-year term would be for 2013 and 2014. Any members interested in serving as an officer should forward their nominations by August 10.

b. Organization Committee

The Organization Committee will be meeting to finalize the changes to the Bylaws and should have it ready for the Full ARC meeting later in the year.

c. **PIE Committee** (Zachare Ball reported on behalf of Brandy Siedlaczek, Chair)
Zachare Ball reported that the PIE held two rain barrel sales in Lathrup Village and Farmington Hills and sold 276 units. A new vendor was used at these events. They do a majority of the work which frees up the ARC Staff. Zachare Ball reported that the PIE committee is looking at doing the Collaborative PEP where the ARC would keep track of it which would be less work for the communities. She reported that the ARC staff will be visiting 30 grow zones as part of the grant project maintenance to check the status of the plantings.

d. **Technical Committee** (Karen Mondora, Chair)
Karen Mondora reported that the Watershed Management Plan was 319 Approved! She reported that the committee is working on the 2013 budget preparation for TC activities with a draft ready by early September. Karen Mondora stated that with the flexibility of the new permit, the Technical Committee began talking about scope and format of collaborative IDEP. This will be a focus of future Technical Committee meetings. Karen Mondora reported that the IDEP work plan is progressing on schedule. She reported that the SWPPI Online Reporting System Training had about 18 members and consultants attend and was well received. A few "bugs" were identified that ARC staff will work on resolving and a few suggestions for improvement. Look for an email with a "go-live" date and FAQs will be posted. Karen Mondora informed the Full ARC that the IDEP Funding work group wrapped up their work. ARC staff will be drafting a summary document to be distributed prior to the next full ARC meeting. The next Technical Committee meeting is scheduled for August 16 and the group will be looking at priority areas for flow reduction and working on the collaborative IDEP.

5. **Report from WCDPS**

Kelly Cave reported on the Rouge XI grants. There were \$3.3 million available in federal funds and they received \$7.6 million in project applications. The review committee recommended 13 projects for funding. The committee included participants from SEMCOG, Macomb County, Wayne County staff and Jack Bails. Grant recipients will notice that the amount requested may be different than what their application asked for. The committee wanted to fund as many projects as they could and be able to spread the funding out. We are happy to report that some new communities were awarded grants that have not participated in the past and there was a good distribution of money between subwatersheds. Award letters will go out starting this week.

The motion was made by Shawn Keenan, Auburn Hills, to endorse the selections for the Round XI Part A and Part B grants. The motion was seconded by Don Rohraff, Livonia, and passed unanimously.

Kelly Cave reported that the 2011 progress report to EPA has been completed and a link will be sent out to the Full ARC for download of the report. She highlighted that there have been 27 Rouge Grant funded projects, including 11 in 2011. There have been 4 CSO/SSO projects completed and other projects like the Southfield Valley Woods storm water management feature and water festivals.

6. Opportunity for Public Comment

Sally Petrella, Friends of the Rouge, reported that the Bug Hunt report has been completed and will be available on their website and the ARC's. She reported that two interns from University of Michigan-Dearborn will be doing a fish survey in Minnow Pond, Johnson Creek and Seeley Drain. Sally Petrella also informed the Full ARC of their upcoming fundraisers.

Hae-Jin Yoon informed the membership that there will be a job opening in the MS4 program soon and if anyone knows someone who would be interested they can apply online at Michigan.gov.

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

- The motion was made to accept the April 17, 2012, meeting summary.
- The motion was made to approve the 2012 ECT contract amendment as presented by the Finance Committee.
- The motion was made to approve the 2012 Budget Amendments to add the GLC PAC Grant for RRAC Facilitation and the Erb Foundation grant to support the Legacy Project as presented by the Finance Committee.
- The motion was made to endorse the selections for the Round XI Part A and Part B grants.
- The motion was made to recognize Ed Bagale's dedication and years of service to the ARC.

8. Upcoming Meeting Schedule (C. O'Meara)

- PIE Budget Meeting, 1:30 p.m., August 2, Southfield
- PIE Committee Meeting, 1:30 p.m., October 18, Location TBD
- Technical Committee Meeting, August 16, 2:00 p.m., Livonia DPW

9. Other Business

The suggestion was made to draft a resolution for Ed Bagale for his service as he retires this fall. The motion was made by Jim Murray to recognize Ed Bagale's dedication and years of service to the ARC. The motion was seconded by Kelly Cave and passed unanimously.

Annette DeMaria shared with the Full ARC the sandwich board that was developed by the Ann Arbor DPW that says "no dumping – drains to river".

Jim Ridgway was asked if he had any additional information regarding DWSD's interest in joining the ARC. He reported that he has not heard anything but has meetings scheduled with them and will follow-up.

10. Adjourn

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Shawn Keenan, Auburn Hills, and seconded by Kevin Buford, Westland. The motion passed unanimously.

Alliance of Rouge Communities Attendance List

Meeting Date: 7/25/12

Name	Community	Attended	Initials
	Redford Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Appel Lisa	Cranbrook Institute of Science	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Balint John	Pontiac	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ball Zachare	ECT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ZB
Ballnik Dan	RRAC Chairperson	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Barnes Jack	Garden City	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	JH
Barrett Robert	Oak Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Baumgarten Matt	Lathrup Village	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MB
Belair Bob	Canton Township	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BA
Beri Jim	Melvindale	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Beyer Lori	Washtenaw County Road Commis	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Bobrin Janis	Washtenaw County Water Resour	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Borton Cory	HRC	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Brooks Dan	Dearborn Heights	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Buford Kevin	Westland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	KL.B
Buiten Mike	Wayne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MB
Carroll Terry	Van Buren Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Casari Tom	Northville Township	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MTS
Cave Kelly	WCDPS	<input type="checkbox"/>	KAC
Coburn Brian	Novi	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Colaianne Joe	Oakland County	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Craig Bill	RRAC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	WAC
Cravens Jay	Bloomfield Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Cureton Lloyd	Walled Lake	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Davis Paul	Rochester Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Dean Lillian	SOCWA	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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<i>Name</i>	<i>Community</i>	<i>Attended</i>	<i>Initials</i>	
DeMaria	Annette	ECT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AD
Domine	Wayne	Bloomfield Township	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	WDO
Drabczyk	Laura	University of Michigan-Dearborn	<input type="checkbox"/>	
El-Gharib	Ramzi	Wayne	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Eudy	Chuck	Farmington	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	EC
Faas	Tim	Canton Township	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TF
Fellrath	Patrick	Plymouth Township	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PAF
Gallogly	James	Northville	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	JG
Gigliotti	Allen	Henry Ford Community College	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Greco	Sam	Henry Ford Community College	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Gruzowski	Laura	Bloomfield Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Gruzowski	Laura	Village of Beverly Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Gruzowski	Laura	Troy	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Gruzowski	Laura	Birmingham	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Hagaman	Kathryn	Bingham Farms	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	KPH
Hanna	Karen	Friends of the Rouge	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Howell	Michael	Wixom	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Hughes	Emily	Friends of the Rouge	<input type="checkbox"/>	
James	Jay	Commerce Township	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	JJ
Keenan	Shawn	Auburn Hills	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SK
Ketai	Don	Bingham Farms	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Kramarz	Kristina	Dearborn Heights	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Mandelia	Kitty	ECT	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Marshall	Ellen	SOCWA	<input type="checkbox"/>	
McCallum	Gerry	Orchard Lake Village	<input type="checkbox"/>	
McClary	Darwin	Garden City	<input type="checkbox"/>	
McCulloch	John	Oakland County	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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McCusker Benny	Westland	<input type="checkbox"/>	
McGill Lisa	Walled Lake	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Mekjian Gary	Farmington Hills	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>GM</i>
Melchert Ron	Auburn Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Meszler Tom	Village of Beverly Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Mondora Karen	Farmington Hills	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>KM</i>
Moore Roger	Rochester Hills	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>MR</i>
Mueller Jeff	Lathrup Village	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Mullett Noel	WCDPS	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Murray Jim	Dearborn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Nowicki Anthony	Wixom	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Olsztyn Olivia	Bloomfield Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Boston</i> O'Meara Paul	Birmingham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>CB</i>
Petrella Sally	FOTR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>SP</i>
Pritchard Jana	Plymouth Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Putala Vicki	Farmington	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Puuri Steve	Washtenaw County Road Commis	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Rice Heather	Washtenaw County Water Resour	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>HR</i>
Ridgway Jim	ECT	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Rohraff Don	Livonia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>DR</i>
Ross Cyndi	FOTR	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Saif Sermed	Orchard Lake Village	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Scappaticci Roberto	Romulus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>RSS</i>
Schultz Leigh	Southfield	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Selmi John	Redford Township	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>JS</i>
Siedlaczek Brandy	Southfield	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sincock Paul	Plymouth	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Name		Community	Attended	Initials
Smrtka	Barb	Farmington Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Snapp	Robert	Cranbrook	<input type="checkbox"/>	
St. Henry	Paul	Livonia	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Staup	Aaron	Novi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AS
Sullivan	Patrick	Northville	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sullivan	Patrick Gauginski	Village of Franklin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	mg
Vandette	Steven	Troy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SV
Wagoner	Bryan	Wayne County Airport Authority	<input type="checkbox"/>	
White	Paul	Van Buren Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Wilson	Tom	Romulus	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Wineka	Jim	Oakland County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	JS
Witte	Eric	Dearborn	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Yee	Kevin	Oak Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Zoner	Tom	Commerce Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	

