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**DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY**  
**ALLIANCE OF ROUGE COMMUNITIES**

**December 16, 2008, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Recreation and Forestry Quarter, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi**

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  
Oak Park  
Orchard Lake  
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 – (Tim Faas, Chair)**

T. Faas began the meeting by thanking Gary Mekjian and Jennifer Lawson for accepting the nomination to be Vice Chair and Treasurer respectively. J. Lawson also thanked the PIE Committee for her time as chair and assured the continued success of the PIE Committee with the nomination of B. Siedlaczek, City of Southfield, as the new chair appointed by the new officers.

**a. Roll Call /Determination of Quorum** - Roll call was taken. The 30 members listed below were in attendance, which was sufficient for a quorum.

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

After roll call all guests in attendance introduced themselves.

**b. Approval of September 23, 2008 Meeting Summary**

A motion was made by J. Zoumbaris, Livonia, to approve the September 23, 2008, meeting summary. It was seconded by J. Mueller, Lathrup Village, and passed unanimously.



## 5. Standing Committee Reports

### a. Organization Committee (K. Heise/D. Payne, Co-chairs)

There was discussion about extending a membership offer to the City of Detroit. The motion was made by K. Heise to invite the City of Detroit to become a member of the ARC, seconded by Kevin Buford, Westland. Motion passed. T. Faas will prepare a letter inviting the city. J. Ridgway stated that he, T. Faas and K. Heise were going to be making a presentation in January to various Lake St. Clair partners regarding the formation of a Lake St. Clair watershed alliance using PA517.

### b. PIE Committee (Brandy Siedlaczek, Chair)

B. Siedlaczek reported that the Main 3/4 poster was distributed in October at the Rouge 2008 event. The Grow Zone/Green Infrastructure Request for Proposals was sent out. She stated that the Rouge video was handed out to communities today with a special thank you to the City of Farmington Hills for putting the video together. B. Siedlaczek stated that in 2009 some tasks the PIE will be focusing on are green infrastructure with workshops, and a bus tour and updating the detention pond manual.

### c. Technical Committee (Gary Zorza, Vice Chair)

G. Zorza informed the ARC that the Technical Committee continues to work on the review of the Watershed Management Plan. The Technical Committee will be preparing an RFP for impervious/pervious surface for green infrastructure to be used with the City Green software. J. Wineka reminded those that received Rouge IX funding to respond to Wayne County with any conditions or modifications to scopes and/or their IAA.

### d. Grants Committee (Phil Sanzica, Chair)

Nothing to report at this time.

## 6. Ideas for 2009/2010 (T. Faas)

T. Faas gave a brief presentation on some ideas for the future of the ARC. He talked about the importance of promoting the value of ARC membership. We need to educate newly elected officials about the ARC. He discussed the importance of expanding our stakeholders through partnerships with public education groups such as FOTR and SOCCRA and continued dialogue with SEMCOG. T. Faas also discussed the potential of seeking grants or funding from such companies as DTE and ITC. T. Faas talked about enhancing our public education beyond what we have done in the past and becoming sponsorship-ready when the federal funding runs out. He talked about the importance of better defining our role and streamlining the current ARC committee structure to minimize duplication. ARC communities may have to step up to optimize the use of ECT's time to support the ARC. He asked that all members forward any suggestions or ideas to him over the next few weeks at [tim.faas@canton-mi.org](mailto:tim.faas@canton-mi.org).

## 7. Other Business

J. Wineka stated that the Storm Water Utility Legislation would be reintroduced in January. The question was asked if there will be a watershed-wide utility tax. J. Ridgway stated that it makes sense but it would also share the burden. A uniform application would be a good goal. K. Heise stated that a single watershed permit is very important.

J. Rickard suggested that the ARC think about hiring a consultant to figure out what types of projects we should go after in the future. For example if there are SRF funds available we need to be able to change and focus on the different criteria.

S. Keenan brought up a concern regarding the single watershed permit for communities that are in more than one subwatershed as it pertains to various reports. J. Ridgway stated that you can choose a primary watershed if you are in more than one watershed, but this may not be the case when it comes to TMDL. You will be held to more stringent requirements. There are various regulatory and education pieces, but given our history we should be able to figure it out.

#### **8. Public Comment**

Bill Craig reported that the Rouge RAP Advisory Council elections were held in December with Dan Ballnik elected as Chair and Noel Mullet elected as Vice Chair. He also informed the ARC that a report regarding the delisting targets will be available on the ARC website in the future.

FOTR announced that the winter stonefly search will be held January 24 and the Frog and Toad Survey seminars begin February 14.

SEMCOG reported the following upcoming meetings and activities, please contact A. Mangus if you are interested in participating:

- Storm water utility - construction site runoff controls on large projects
- Upcoming meeting to talk about phosphorus and E. coli
- New Bond to replace CMI
- SEMCOG University – low impact development in March and detention basin retrofit in July, LID manual on how to calculate for it
- Check out SEMCOGs YouTube and Facebook pages for the 7 Simple Steps.

#### **9. Summary of Actions of Full Alliance** (Chris O’Meara, ARC staff)

- The September 23, 2008 meeting summary was approved.
- ARC Chair to extend membership offer to the City of Detroit.
- Watershed Management Plan submitted to MDEQ on January 1, 2009.
- Forward comments on the Watershed Management Plan by December 27 to C. O’Meara at [comeara@ectinc.com](mailto:comeara@ectinc.com).
- Forward 2009/2010 ideas to T. Faas at [tim.faas@canton-mi.org](mailto:tim.faas@canton-mi.org).

#### **8. Upcoming Meeting Schedule** (C. O’Meara)

A draft 2009 ARC meeting calendar was distributed for review.

#### **9. Adjourn** (T. Faas)

The motion was made by K. Buford to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ramzi El-Gharib, Wayne, and passed unanimously.