

Friends of Rouge Park Meeting Minutes for April 21, 2015

Attendance: Jac Entringer-Greening of Detroit, Roger Corpolongo, Chester Marvin (FOTR)-treasurer, Roger Cheek-trustee, Tom McNulty-membership chair, Paula Trilety, Sally Petrella-president, Paul Stark-secretary, Tim Kirsten-DAM, Donna Hall, Lorraine Harris, Arthur Edge-vice president, Roxie Wilson-Cody/Rouge, Tamara Dyson, Sarah West, Juliana Fulton, Frank Nemecek, Anne Thomas-Tetrattech (DWSD).

Minutes from March 17 were read and accepted.

Treasurer's Report: (Chester Marvin) Chester suggested that we move our account to Huntington Bank for convenience. There was unanimous agreement. Total balance: \$2759.54

Membership Report: (Tom McNulty) 43 individual and family memberships and eight organizational memberships.

President's Report

1. FOTR and Sierra Club are offering assistance in putting in rain gardens. Sally passed out applications.
2. The National Park Service has agreed to focus on helping to develop a nature trail between Warren and Tireman. They are meeting in the Park with Sally, Mike Jacobs from the city, and a landscape engineer later this week.

Greening of Detroit Report ó Jac Entringer

A group of students in Greening of Detroit's Our Land program did water testing in the park. Ten more field trips to the park are planned. Greening has 125 three-gallon potted trees/woody plants they want to plant in the park. We discussed the best place to plant them. Our preferred location was Spinoza and Tireman.

Buffalo Soldiers Heritage Association: (no report)

DWSD Bioswale and Basin Projects ó Anne Thomas, Tetra Tech (on behalf of DWSD).

Maintenance will be provided by DWSD, but volunteers will be needed for the native plantings. They are testing the soil at Tireman to determine the best types of plants. The project has been delayed to mid-summer. They will level the clay pile at Tireman and Parkland. The walking path will run on the north side of the bioswale along Tireman.

Master Plan Update:

1. Paul's Narrative for the master plan was unanimously approved.
2. We need to set a meeting with GSD and DRD.

City Update (Julianna Fulton):

Brennan Rec. Area improvements are going up to bid in a few weeks. Work will begin in the summer and complete in the fall. Swimming lessons will be offered at Brennan Pools. The city is looking for funding for the Stone Bridge Nature Trail. Work is to begin this summer including trail development, shelter, a trailhead kiosk and a wetland overlook. NPS has been out twice to plan the trail. Julianna passed around activities survey for Cody/Rouge.

NPS Update: The Keen grant is due in September. The grant requires targeting a new audience to bring into Nature. We want the grant for nature walks for children. The FOTR invasive species grant will survey Rouge Park for invasive species. NPS is planning walking trail in Sorenson Rec. Area.

Rouge Park Appreciation Day ó

1. Registration: Joy & Spinoza, meet at 7am. Registration begins at 8am. Ela, Donna, Paula will do Registration table.
2. Projects: Quicken Loans; 60 people, Marathon; 5 people, Social Security Office -zero! Grant funding may come through, if it does, we need to focus on work directly in the river. Alicia Bell is donating \$200 for water. Harvey Santana has not offered funding for the tent yet. Arthur will lead Brennan Pools Area clean up. Tamara & Larry will lead work at the plantings. Paul & Martha will lead garlic mustard removal. Peggy will lead work in the prairie, Sarah will lead at Joe Prance. Buffalo Soldiers will have volunteers.
3. Lunch: Health Dept. application has been submitted.
4. Publicity needs to be done.

Meeting adjourned 7:00pm