

Friends of Rouge Park - Meeting Minutes . Jan. 19, 2016

Attendance (23 attendees): Sam Shopinski (National Kidney Foundation), Roger Cheek-trustee, Joyell Lewis (Gabe Leleand's Rep.), Lorraine Harris, Arthur Edge-vice president, Paula Trilety-trustee, Sally Petrella-president, Paul Stark-secretary, Barb Matney (WCO), Joe Matney (WCO), Margaret Cunningham (WCO), Donulae Knuckles-Copeland, Ela Jiga, Roger Corpalongo, Tom McNulty (DAM)-membership, Alan Van Kerckove, Tim Kristen, Chester Marvin (FOTR)-treasurer, Reggie Gaddies (Weatherby), Kevin Bryant (BFDO), Lisa Goldsmith (BSHA), Theresa Williams (Revive Detroit, Franklin Park), Julianna Fulton (Detroit GSD)

Minutes from November were read and accepted with correction: Roger Corpalongo replaced Ela Jiga as trustee in November's election.

Treasurer's Report: (Chester Marvin) The report covered Nov. and Dec. 2015. Income: \$521.37 (\$180 in donations, \$255.33 in memberships, \$86.04 in Kroger Rewards, 4th largest ever). Expenses: none. Balance: \$3508.20.

Membership Report: (Roger Cheek) 34 individual and family memberships and seven organizational memberships.

Old Business

1. Update from the city (Juliana Fulton). Bids going out now on the Brennan Recreational Area improvements. The work should be completed this year.
2. DWSD Projects: The first stage of the Tireman Bioswale has been completed. The second phase will begin in the spring. Sally, Paul and Al walked through the area planned for the Constance Project with the DDSD staff to advise on valuable native plant areas to avoid for the construction project.
3. Winter Programming. Roxie is leaving as Vista intern and so she will not continue working on winter programming. She will probably not be replaced. We discussed the need for more winter activities in the park: ice skating rink, etc.
4. National Kidney Foundation (Sam Shopinski) is working on a new brochure for Rouge Park and passed around a rough draft for feedback and discussion. NKF is working on bringing a run/walk event to the park next summer.
5. Scout Hollow Update: Garrett Dempsey (Sierra Club) is planning on organizing a snowshoe walk in Scout Hollow to draw attention to the campground project.

New Business

1. Community Forestry Grant. FORP has been approved for \$5400 from the USDA for new interpretive signage, a Trailhead Kiosk, etc.on the Stone Bridge Nature Trail.

Meeting adjourned 7:30pm