

Friends of Rouge Park - Meeting Minutes - March 15, 2016

Attendance (18 attendees): Sally Petrella-president, Lisa Goldsmith (BSHA), Barb Matney (WCO), Joe Matney (WCO), Donna Hall, Joyell Lewis (Councilman Leland's Aide), Nicole Scott, Tim Kirsten-DAM, Paula Trilety-trustee, Chester Marvin (FOTR)-treasurer, Alan Van Kerckove, Roger Corpalongo, Lynn Hausch, Sam Shopinski (National Kidney Foundation), Donulae Knickles-Copeland, Lorraine Harris, Arthur Edge-vice president, Julianna Fulton (Detroit GSD).

Minutes from February were read and accepted

Treasurer's Report: (Chester Marvin) Income: one individual membership and three new organizational memberships (Elite Archery, Mich. Black Horsemen's Association, National Kidney Foundation): \$153.25
Kroger Community Awards: \$73.00. Total income: \$206.28. No expenses. Total Balance \$3825.90.

Membership Report: 36 individual and family memberships and 10 organizational memberships.

President's report

1. Parkside Community Church has expressed interest in getting involved in Rouge Park. Sally invited them to volunteer on Rouge Park Appreciation Day, May 21. They offered to help us to raise funds by selling Rouge Park themed items at their Farmer's Market stand. Donna Hall and Lynn Hausch will work on this project.

Old Business

1. Rouge Park Appreciation Day, May 21. Sally submitted the Special Event Application to the city. Registration is at 8:00am. Projects: Scout Hollow, Buffalo Soldiers (Lisa), Brennan Pools area clean-up (Arthur), clear path on Warren Ave. (Matneys), Sculpture garden (Tamara), garlic mustard pull (Paul), Butterfly Garden & Joe Prance trail (WODCA). Volunteers: Quicken loans (50-60 people), Parkside Church, Donulae's church. DAM will do hotdogs. Tom has applied for food permit. Projected expenses: Scotties potties: \$325, Tents & Chairs: \$624, Food: \$300. We need sponsors and donations for water.
2. Community Forestry Grant: Juliana is working on six interpretive signs for the nature trail and shared her design ideas. Jac Kyle is working on the scavenger hunt planned for grand opening day on Sept. 9. We need to work with the police to remove paint ballers.
3. Update from the City Thursday, March 17, Parks & Rec 10 year Improvement Plan will be released. A new employee has been hired from Chicago's Beautification Zone. Juliana will be consulting with him on how to make the no mow areas of the park look better.
4. DWSD Projects: No update. There is a meeting next week regarding the Constance Project. Sally will share concerns about safety at the Tireman swales holding water constantly. Arthur will take photos and send to DWSD.
5. National Kidney Foundation (Sam Shopinski) The NKF is supporting the Rec. Dept on the proposed run/walk event, party and movie in the park on July 22 & 23. The NKF is working with Tour DeTroit to sponsor an bicycle event in Rouge Park for September.
6. Greenways Collaborative: Norm Cox needs feedback on his site, walkbike.info/detroit, from the group.
7. Scout Hollow Update: Camping will be available for the night after RPAD if the Recreation Department approves.

Buffalo Soldiers Heritage Assoc. Update. Buffalo Soldiers received a SEEDING DETROIT grant for \$3,250 for this summer's youth program, "History & Horses".

Meeting adjourned 7:30pm