

Friends of Rouge Park - Meeting Minutes - April 19, 2016

Attendance (23 attendees): Eric Tomlinson (Elite Archery), Donulae Knuckles-Copeland, Joe Ann Proctor, Kay Frances Owens, Tonia Williams, Roger Corpalongo-trustee, Lorraine Harris, Arthur Edge-vice president, Sally Petrella-president, Paul Stark-secretary, Chester Marvin (FOTR)-treasurer, Paula Trilety-trustee, Barb Matney (WCO), Lisa Goldsmith (BSHA), Tom McNulty, Tim Kirsten, Sam Shopinski (National Kidney Foundation), Alan Van Kerckove, Joyell Lewis (Gabe Leland's Aide), Crystal Estell-Clayton, Tennie Chatton, Donnise Barnes, Tijuana Morris.

Minutes from March were read and accepted

Treasurer's Report: (Chester Marvin) March 15 - April 19. Total income: \$0. No expenses. Total \$3825.90.

Membership Report: (No report)

President's report

1. Recent wildlife sightings include a first ever pileated woodpecker. We sent out a press release. Also turkeys, snapping turtles mating, a white sucker (fish), blue-winged teals, northern shovelers (ducks).
2. 4/30 10am - 1pm: The Student Conservation Association will be at the Stone Bridge Nature Trail mapping and removing invasives.
3. Ricardo Moore sent police to warn paintballers not to use the park.

Old Business

1. Rouge Park Appreciation Day: We received official approval from the city for the event. Projects: 1. Stone Bridge trash and garlic mustard removal (Paul & Al); 2. Scout Hollow (Dempsey and Chrysler volunteers); 3. Warren Ave. clean-up (Matneys); 4. BSHA; 5. Joe Prance (WODCA); 6. Brennan Pools (Arthur); Sally will request pokey trash pick-up sticks from DWSD. Registration: LaDon Davis, Paula Trilety, Donulae Knuckles-Copeland. We requested grill from the city. Gabe Leland will help pay for the \$624 tent rental. We estimated an attendance of 200. Walking club will donate \$40 in water (350 bottles). BSHA will pay for the porta potties. Sierra Club is hosting camping that night and have applied for a permit from the city.
2. Community Forestry Grant: Julianna is working on developing interpretative signage for the Stone Bridge Nature Trail. We walked the trail to decide sign info. and locations. The opening ceremony for the trail will be held on Sept. 9, 4pm . We are partnering with Dixon school for that event.
3. City Update: Julianna couldn't come to present the city's parks master plan. The plan has not yet been approved and will not be approved until Jan. 2017. Rouge Park is 24% of the park and is only receiving 4% of the funds. Paul will send a link of the report to the email list and put it on our web page.
4. Rouge Park Brochure Update: Sam Shopinski shared his latest version of the Rouge Park brochure and asked for feedback. We hope to have it completed for RPAD.
5. Park Events: Get out the vote event on June 18 from 10am-3pm. Tour de Troit is sponsoring Rouge-a-thon in Rouge Park on June 25, a 5k run-10k bike-5k run, all around the 5k loop. 20 people registered already. Tour de Troit may be sponsoring a 30 mile ride through the city that may pass through Rouge Park in September. The City of Detroit is sponsoring Stay Fit for Health 5K Rrun, 3K & 1K Walk on July 22-23. Aug. 7 is the annual Butterfly Walk and Sept. 9 Stone Bridge is the Stone Bridge Trail Opening Ceremony.
6. DWSD Projects Update: (no DWSD rep.s attended). Arthur sent pictures of the flooding of the Tireman swale to the Dept. of Neighborhoods. DWSD hasn't done any maintenance.
7. Church note card project: we approved Donna to choose which images of Rouge Park to use for the notecards the church will sell at the farmer's market.

Announcement

Aug. 6 FWDCA annual party

Meeting adjourned 7:30pm