

Attendance (16 attendees): Roger Corpalongo-trustee, Sally Petrella-president, Paul Stark-secretary, Sam Shopinski (National Kidney Foundation), Alan Van Kerckove, Roger Cheek, Tamara Dyson, Lorraine Harris, Arthur Edge-vice president, Tim Kirsten, Julianna Fulton (Recreation Dept.), Cindy Roos-Ritz, Chester Marvin (FOTR)-treasurer, Amy Murdick (DWSD), Aaron Hacker (DWSD), Ronald Jackson

Minutes from Sept. were read and accepted.

Treasurer's Report: (Chester Marvin) Sept. 20-Oct. 18

Income: 4 individual/family memberships and one organizational membership, total: \$114.12 and \$5397.07 reimbursement from the grant. Total Income: \$5511.19 . Expenses: \$1608.00 reimbursement to sally, \$104.91 park supplies John Armstrong total expenses: 1713.83. Balance: \$4928.12.

Membership Report: (Roger Cheek) 1 new and 4 renewal individual/family memberships, and 1 organizational membership renewal. Total: 12 organization members and 30 individual and family members.

President's report

1. Cody-Rouge Community Meeting on 9/27. Rouge Park was represented.
2. Scout Hollow plant survey was completes: porcelain berry is the biggest problem invasive.
3. District 7 caucus meeting on 10/10. Rouge Park was represented.

Old Business

1. Bioswale Update: (Amy Murdick & Aaron Hacker-DWSD) Native plants and seeds will be planted and boulders will be installed to keep cars from driving through the bioswale between now and November 15. DWSD is working on a maintenance plan to keep the catch basins from clogging and flooding again. They will replace any plants that do not survive the first year. Constance Project is still on hold.
2. Nature Trails Update. We still need to put in new literature holder and a bench and trash can at the Stone Bridge trailhead. People have been visiting the trail and taking brochures. At the Oct. 1 work day, 6-8 people help complete clearing the trail of trees and stumps. Last week the city mowed the entire loop and will continue tp regularly mow it. We may need a grant to roll the trail to flatten it out.
2. National Kidney Foundation Park Improvements. (Sam Shopinsky) Over the next few weeks installation will be completed for ¼ mile markers for the Brennan Mile Loop (4 signs) and the 5K Loop (13 signs), six wood signs for the mountain bike trail, the Buffalo Soldiers, the archery range, the Sorenson Promenade and the Joe Prance Nature Trail, also a wayfinding sign at Joy & Spinoza with arrows pointing to the Pool/Golf course, Stone Bridge Trail and Prairie Pathway. Kiosk at Prairie trailhead and Rules and poison Ivy info at MMBA kiosk with new plexiglass cover.
3. City Update (Julianna). A donor is offering to rehab basketball courts throughout the city. Funds may be available to relocate the basketball court at the bottom of Derby Hill to Sorenson Rec. Area. A youth soccer group wants to build soccer fields in Rouge Park (either Sorenson Rec. Area or the Joy/Spinoza Fairgrounds area. The city is looking into a water line, pit toilet, tent platforms and a parking area for Scout Hollow. The vacant West District office would cost \$300,000 to rehab, possibly grants could pay for it. The city is looking into a possible greenway along the Rouge River from Hines to 8 Mile connecting Hines Park to Rouge Park, Eliza Howell and up to the old Bonnie Brook golf course. A design for the Butterfly Garden informational sign was passed around for comments.
4. Master Plan: Board is meeting Thursday to discuss priorities for the coming year.

New Business

1. Greening of Detroit: We met with them about reforestation around the Sorenson Rec. Area and planting native plants near the Outer Drive/Tireman entrance to the prairie. The city started about 500 native plants for us last year but they are still too small to plant yet. Sally is growing them for next spring.
2. Board Elections/Annual meeting. We are looking into having our annual meeting at the Brennan Pools Banquet Hall with a more formal meeting with catered dinner on Dec. 13.

Meeting adjourned 7:10pm