

Friends of Rouge Park - Meeting Minutes . November 15, 2016

Attendance (18 attendees): Roger Corpolongo-trustee, Paul Stark-secretary, Sam Shopinski (National Kidney Foundation), Roger Cheek, Tricia Hamzik-YMCA, Arthur Edge-vice president, Lorraine Harris, Tim Kirsten, Chester Marvin (FOTR)-treasurer, Paula Trilety-trustee, Barb Matney (WCO), Joe Matney (WCO), Lisa Goldsmith (BSHA), Tom McNulty-trustee, Stephanie Wroblewski, Dustin Campbell (Aide to Commissioner Bell), Rodney Gasaway (Joy-Southfield), Donulae Knuckles-Copeland (Well-Able Walkers)

Minutes from October were read and accepted

Treasurer's Report: (Chester Marvin) For the period from October 18 to Nov. 15.

Total Income: \$65 from three individual/family memberships. Total Expenses: \$0. Balance: \$4993.12

Membership Report: (Roger Cheek)

Three new individual/family memberships and no renewals. Total: 12 organization memberships and 26 individual and family memberships.

President's report

1. Board Meeting Oct. 20: The Board discussed goals for next year and discussed applying for the Everybody Walk Micro Grant (up to \$1500) to improve the prairie trail, or look into the possibility of the city doing the work.
2. Greening of Detroit's Our Land program 4th graders are visiting Stone Bridge Trail today.

Old Business

1. Kidney Foundation Funded Signage Project (Sam Shopinski): Six Roadside directional signs have been installed (Mountain Bike Trail, Archery Range, Buffalo Soldier Horse Stables, Joe Prance Nature Trail, Prairie Trail and Sorensen Promenade). John is still working on the directional sign with arrows for Cozy Corners, it should be installed by the end of the year. Juliana sent the plans for the Butterfly Garden Interpretive Sign to Spectrum Signs and they will print and install it soon. Designs have been submitted for the one-sided distance markers for the 1 and 3.3 mile loops. Spectrum should have them printed soon and they will be installed by the end of the month. The Mountain Bike Trail Kiosk map and info on poison ivy and park rules has been printed and should be installed soon. The 2016 Tour de Troit Run-Bike-Run+event that was postponed has now been rescheduled for April 2017.
2. City Update: No update
3. Bioswale Update: No update
4. Scout Hollow Update: (Garrett Dempsey) Tricia Hamzik of the YMCA's Let's Move Outside spoke of their program to collect data on park users and volunteers. The program is funded by the Dept of the Interior and American Express. Garrett spoke about the teacher workshops planned for Scout Hollow on Sat. Dec. 10. The idea come out of his meeting with Alycia Meriweather, superintendent of DPS. The purpose is to connect teacher's educational goals with learning opportunities in Rouge Park. Teachers will get a nature tour in Scout Hollow and visit BSHA too. After lunch, they will have a brainstorming session on how to build Rouge Park into their curriculum. Garrett needs people knowledgeable of Rouge Park to help lead the workshop.
5. Board Elections: All board members agreed by acclimation to remain in their current positions.
6. Annual Meeting: 6pm. at the Brennan Pools Building. Catered by Family Bakery, Tijuana's or Starters. Paula suggested getting together for drinks at Tijuana's afterwards. Lisa Goldsmith will look into catering costs for food.

New Business

1. Arthur will call Amy Murdick of DWSD to ask why boulders are not placed yet at the Tireman bioswale.
2. New committees will be discussed at annual meeting.
3. Mountain bike trail wooden bridge is broken. Roger will contact the MCMBA.

Meeting adjourned 7:10pm