

Friends of Rouge Park - Meeting Minutes – April 16, 2019

Attendance (30 attendees): Jacqara Jackson, Project manager, Sally Petrella-president, Paula Trilety-membership, Eric Tomlinson-Elite Archery, Paul Stark-secretary, Roger Corpolongo-trustee, Chester Marvin, Peggy Dankert, Tom McNulty-DAM, Tim Kirsten-DAM, Garrett Dempsey-Trustee, Sarah West, Ryan Herbert-Greening of Detroit, Sam Shopinski-NKF, Angy Webb-Joy/Southfield, Barb Matney-WCO, Joe Matney-WCO, William Davis-Police Commissioner, Marty Bastien, Jim Gallagher, Willie Moore-Burt Rd. Block Club, Joe Foy-MCMB, Sharon Foy-MCMB, James Mills-Buffalo Soldiers, Roger Cheek, Marlene White-Burt Rd./Plymouth BC, Lynn Hausch-WACO, Jasmine Harper-aide to Rep. Whitsett, Dustin Campbell-Aide to Alicia Bell

Minutes from February were read and accepted.

Treasurer's Report No report

Membership Report for the period from Feb 19-Apr 15: (Paula Trilety): 19 members renewed, and 9 new members joined this month. Total members: 128. Total organizations: 14.

President's Report

- **Detroit Planning & Development's Detroit Strategic Framework** is working with the Cody/Rouge/Warrendale Area. Sally represents FORP on the steering committee. They are planning a community meeting on April 30, all are invited.
- **Detroit Parks Coalition.** Paula and Sally are representing FORP on their advisory committee. The Urban Land Institute made recommendations to the city to support a Detroit Parks Coalition and create a dedicated source of funding for parks (the city now spends about half what most city's spend on parks). They found 78% of residents want more spending on parks.

Report on Meyers Tree Nursery (Ryan Hebert & Nate Pucko of the Greening of Detroit)

Since Fall 2017, the Greening of Detroit has planted 2500 trees. They will have 200 new trainees for 2019. They are developing a "pot in pot" nursery. They are building an irrigation pond instead of using city water. They have received funding from Erb Foundation. They are planting 750 trees in May, also shrubs. They just installed two honey bee hives.

Report from Jacqara Jackson, Project Manager.

- Annual Meeting Report: 65 attendees. Awards to Paula Trilety for Best Friend of Rouge Park, Garrett Dempsey and Detroit Outdoors for Best Partner of the Park.
- On March 30, we partnered with a UofM Parks group to do a cleanup on Joy Rd. There were 30 volunteers. MCMB and a geo-caching group did separate clean-ups on the same day.
- Rouge Park Appreciation Day. Is May 18. Register.
- Designated Parking Plan. We are working with Department of Neighborhoods to develop a designated parking plan and bike lanes for the park.

Update on Scout Hollow (Garrett Dempsey)

Trainings for camping leaders begin in May. Additional trainings will be throughout the summer.

Update on Buffalo Soldiers Heritage Association. (Jim Mills)

Funding for a new roof has been secured from the State with the help of Senator Silvia Santana.

Meeting adjourned 7:58pm.