

Friends of Rouge Park - Meeting Minutes – May 21, 2019

Attendance (27 attendees): Jacqara Jackson, Project manager, Sally Petrella-president, Paula Trilety-membership, Eric Tomlinson-Elite Archery, Paul Stark-secretary, Roger Corpolongo-trustee, Peggy Dankert, Garrett Dempsey-Trustee, Sarah West, Barb Matney-WCO, Joe Matney-WCO, William Davis-Police Commissioner, Marty Bastien, Jim Gallagher, Joe Foy-MCMB, Sharon Foy-MCMB, Dustin Campbell-Aide to Alicia Bell, Tamara Dyson, Lisa Harris, Tommy McKinney-Elite Archery, Alec Findlay-Aide to Rep. Karen Whitsett, Jasmin DeForrest-Quicken Loans Comm. Fund, Sommer Woods-QLCF, Erica Hill-Detroit Parks&Rec, Jesus McNair, Rayshaun Lundrum-Det. Parks&Rec., Sam Shopinski-NKF

Minutes from April were read and accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Expenses: \$1064 for insurance, \$800 Project Manager pay, \$343.24 for RPAD. Income: \$243.91 memberships, \$5.00 donation (Amazon Smile). Total Expenses: 2257.24. Balance: 12,526.57

Membership Report for the period from Apr 15-May 21: (Paula Trilety): 9 members renewed, and 6 new members joined this month and one organization renewed. Total members: 118. 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. The youth led a community meeting on April 30.

Report from Jacqara Jackson, Project Manager.

1. RPAD: We had 355 volunteers despite the rain. Mayor Duggan visited.
2. Mama Raven Herbal Walk was sponsored by Detroit outdoors on May 19
3. Upcoming events: Keep Growing Detroit "Firsts" event- June 1, 10am Wonderwalk- June 4, 6-8pm, Annual Butterfly Walk-Aug. 4, 2pm, Detroit Audobon Bird Walk-September

Update on GLWA sewer project in Rouge Park (Tom Hall-GLWA)

Two projects are happening in Rouge Park: 1. GLWA sewer repair on the line from Warren to Joy on the east side of the park, and 2. DWSD work on a water main along Warren Ave. GLWA plans to complete the project by October 2019.

Update from City Parks & Rec. (Rayshaun Landrum)

Cozy Corners Sports Field grading is in progress. The city has applied for a DNR grant for a walking loop and picnic shelter. A comfort station may come later. They are still working on expanding parking for the area. The Sorensen Rec. Area project is out for a bid for a contractor and work should begin this summer. The Brennan Rec. Area projects (including a new shelter, playground, splash pad, pickleball courts) are being funded by a Ralph C. Wilson grant, city funds and MDNR funds. The city is trying to merge all these funding sources into one contract. Once that is done, the project can go out for bid. Work may begin as early as October.

Quicken Loans Community Fund (Jasmin DeForrest)

QLCF is planning an event, Detroit Outloud, for July 20, 8am-8pm at the Lahser Rd. parking area. It will be a free family event with live music and other activities.

Update on Scout Hollow (Garrett Dempsey)

Three camping events and one leadership training have been completed so far this year. Two more leadership trainings are planned for June.

Update on MCMB

They are busy repairing and building bridges and clearing trails. They are adding a small stunt trail for young children. A Cycle Cross Race planned for the Lahser parking lot in October.

Update on Buffalo Soldiers Heritage Association.

The contractor for the new roof began work on Monday, May 20.

Meeting adjourned 8:15pm.