

Friends of Rouge Park - Meeting Minutes . May 17, 2016

Attendance (24 attendees): Sally Petrella-president, Paul Stark-secretary, Chester Marvin (FOTR)-treasurer, Paula Triletty-trustee, Donulae Knuckles-Copeland (Well-able Walkers), Crystal Estell-Clayton (Well-able Walkers), Arthur Edge-vice president, Tim Kirsten, Sam Shopinski (National Kidney Foundation), Tamara Dyson, Tom McNulty, Dustin Campbell (Aide to Alisha Bell), Roger Cheek-membership chair, Razi Jafii (Civilla), Michelle Jia (Civilla), Nina Rodriguez (CRCAA), Sarah West, Aaron Hacker (Tetrattech), Brieland Jones (Tetrattech), Nicole Scott (JSCDC), Voncile Vinson (Well-able Walkers), Palencia Mobley (DWSD), Julianna Fulton (Detroit GSD), Garrett Dempsey (Sierra Club).

Minutes from April were read and accepted

Treasurer's Report: (Chester Marvin) April 20 - May 17. Total income: \$566.47 (Paypal: 76.47, Amazon Smile \$5.00, Donations: \$489.12. 3 family memberships - \$29.10, organizational membership - \$28.25. Expenses: postage \$117.50. Total: \$4274.87

Membership Report: (No report)

President's report

1. Board met to organize the master plan and will continue to meet to complete the plan.
2. Alicia Bradford retired as director of the Recreation Dept. David Miller is the interim director.
3. Donna Hall printed greeting cards with Rouge Park images for Parkside Church to sell at the Dearborn Farmer's Market.
4. Sally met with city officials to look into using the banquet hall at Brennan Pools for the SCA to meet for their summer program.
5. Pools will open June 20.
6. NPS will send an additional crew (in addition to the three we already have) for this summer.
7. Bombing of Rouge Park. Ricardo Moore looked into the complaints and found that they are done with their bombing for the year.
8. West Parkway road collapse: Gabe Leland's office is looking into it. It appears it is DWSD's responsibility yet nothing has been repaired.
9. City mowed and cleared the road into Scout Hollow.

Old Business

1. Rouge Park Appreciation Day: Gabe Leland will pay the \$624 cost of the dining tent and tables. Set-up begins at 7:00am. 136 volunteers have registered including 50-60 from Quicken Loans, 10 from GM, 10 Girl Scouts, and an unknown number from Parkside Church. Projects: Brennan Pools, Tireman/Spinoza (garbage and garlic mustard), Warren Ave (garbage), Scout Hollow (garlic mustard, garbage, honeysuckle), Joe Prance (garbage, garlic mustard), Barn. Mike McNulty's roving crew. Camping that night has been approved by the city. 12-15 confirmed for camping. Razi and Michelle from Civilla presented their plans for a star gazing event that evening on Observation Tower Hill.
2. Stone Bridge Nature Trail Update: On 4/30, ten SCA students pulled ALL the garlic mustard from the trail. They will continue working on the trail this summer. Police have come out to warn paintballers and the vandals did not come back last Sunday.
3. NKF Update: The brochure is completed and 200 copies will be at RPAD. Rouge-a thlon has 45 registrants so far, 250 will be the maximum allowed. Detroit Parks & Rec's Stay Fit for Health run will be July 23. Their goal is 500 registrants.
4. DWSD Projects Update: (Palencia Mobley). On the Tireman Swale project, DWSD did their part but DPW's part was not done. This led to flooding of the area. She distributed an updated project plan for the completion of the project.

Meeting adjourned 7:30pm