

## Friends of Rouge Park - Meeting Minutes – February 19, 2019

Attendance (32 attendees): Jacqara Jackson, Project manager, Sally Petrella-president, Paula Trilety-membership, Eric Tomlinson-Elite Archery, Paul Stark-secretary, Chester Marvin, Peggy Dankert-treasurer, Tom McNulty-DAM, Tim Kirsten-DAM, Garrett Dempsey-Sierra Club, Sarah West, Juliana Fulton-City of Detroit, Rayshaun Landrum-City of Detroit, Donna Miller-City of Detroit, Stephanie Wroblewski, Daniel Wroblewski, Kolby Williams, Ryan Herbert-Greening of Detroit, LaDon Davis-Aide to Gabe Leland, Sam Shopinski-NKF, Angy Webb-Joy/Southfield, Barb Matney-WCO, Joe Matney-WCO, William Davis-Police Commissioner, Erin Casey-City of Detroit, Larry Arreguin-Aide to Gabe Leland, Brian Rumohr, Theresa Williams-Franklin Park, Marty Bastien, Jim Gallagher, Eric Geerlings-TetraTech,

Jacqara Jackson, new Project Manager introduced herself to the membership.  
Gabe Leland's new chief of staff, Larry Arreguin, introduced himself.  
Minutes from January were read and accepted.

### **Treasurer's Report** for the period from Jan 15-Feb 19 (Chester Marvin)

We received \$112.34 in regular memberships and \$50 in organizational memberships and \$55.05 in donations (\$10.05 of that from Amazon Smile). Total income: \$217.39. Total expenses: \$27.25 for new checks. Balance: \$17,689.04.

**Membership Report** for the period from Nov 20-Jan 15: (Paula Trilety): 8 members renewed, and 4 new members joined this month. Total members: 134. Total organizations: 16.

### **President's Report**

- The Board developed a work plan for our organization. We distributed an abbreviated version to the membership.
- FORP Annual dinner meeting is scheduled for March 26, 6-8pm at Brennan Pools building.
- RPAD is scheduled for May 18. Boy Scout are planning to bring 200 volunteers, Americorps is planning to bring 300 volunteers.
- MOU: We are developing a Memo of Understanding with the city for our organization. This includes getting insurance.

### **Presentation by the City on the Cozy Corners Plan** (Rayshaun Landrum, Juliana Fulton and Donna Miller)

Two trust fund grants received: one for the Brennan Splash Pad and one for the Sorensen Rec. Area. Wilson Foundation, CDBG and City money are going toward over \$1 million for Brennan Rec. Area plan.

Cozy Corners Recreation Area. Trust Fund grants take 2 years to go through before construction can begin. The MDNR Trust fund grant is for \$300,000 and the city is matching it with \$200,000 of its own funds. Application for the grant is due on April 1. Grading for sports fields has begun in the Festival Grounds area.

The group discussion followed on the location of playgrounds, parking, sports fields, comfort stations, the walking path and perimeter path. Support was voiced for a large picnic shelter (for 100+ people) rather than several smaller structures.