

## **Friends of Rouge Park Meeting May 21, 2008**

**Attendance:** Martha Gruelle, Paul Stark, Sally Petrella, Thomas McNulty, Mary Prevost, Janice Siomba-Koss, Tamara Dyson, Robert Engle

**Minutes:** accepted as read

**Treasurer's Report-(Chester not present)** Total: \$444.60

### **Membership Report-Tom McNulty.**

- 38 individual/family and 7 organizational members. 45 total.
- Paula volunteered to work at the registration table at Rouge Park Appreciation Day to renew and sign up new members. She also volunteered to make copies of our membership applications and bring them.
- Martha sent out 375 emails from our *Save Rouge Park* petitions recruiting new membership and announcing Rouge Park Appreciation Day. About 100 were returned undeliverable.

### **Presidents Report:**

- We were unable to get cedar trees from Greening of Detroit for planting at the new sign at Warren & Outer Dr. They have not been given the keys to nursery yet.
- Sally received information from DEQ that they have completed their environmental impact study on the Rouge Tunnel Project. The DEQ approved the project.
- The Rouge Park volleyball players helped Sally & Paul weed the planting at Warren & O. Drive. They later came back on their own and roto-tilled and planted more flowers. The City replanted grass around the planting as well.
- We need an organization to front money for us, about \$1000, until we receive the grant money. FOTR has fronted the money in the past, but may not this year. Tom McNulty offered to loan us \$1000 until we receive the grant. THANK YOU TOM!!

### **Organizational Reports:**

- **Detroit AeroModelers: Tom McNulty-** Stan Spiewak has been having some health problems and may not be able to be as active in this years Rouge Park Appreciation Day. Get Well Soon Stan!!

### **Rouge Park Appreciation Day**

June 7, 2008

- Rouge Park Appreciation Day has been approved by City Council.
- Stan's son and Tom will put up sign
- Detroit AeroModelers' Helicopter demonstration was nixed because their insurance doesn't cover flying in any area outside of their designated field.
- We have 300 t-shirts and all the gloves and garbage bags ready.
- Paul will email out the butterfly flyer approved by SEMBA.
- Eric was supposed to talk to the City about bleachers though Sally hasn't heard back from him.
- Tom is picking up 8ft long tables for the event: five for food, three for registration and

displays. He has a food tent also. Tom will get all the condiments and buns. He just needs to know how many to get.

- Sally will ask Zachary to get chips and cookies. Rhonda has offered to bring her huge cooler.
- Sally will ask Rhonda to get hot dogs from Westborn or Dearborn Sausage.
- Tom needs more volunteers for the food tent! A one and a half hour commitment is necessary.
- We exchanged a cell phone list for communicating on the day of the event.
- Janice S. suggested using a popular volunteer web page to attract volunteers for Rouge Park Appreciation Day. She will send Sally the web site.

### **Projects**

- Garlic mustard pull: Paul, Martha and John Lambert
- Tamara will do planting at W. Parkway & Joy
- We need leader for planting at Warren & O. Drive. Tamara offered to do this project if no one else is found.
- We need someone to do a walk through the park before hand to identify more sites for trash pickup in the park.
- Sally will ask Kim Jones about painting white plastic trash cans in the park as a project.
- Martin Siml wants to pull trash from river
- Jasper wants to put wood chips on parking area for Scout Hollow. Also possibly repairing wood duck boxes too.
- Lisa wants a project at the Barn.

### **Celebration Activities**

- Flag Raising-Jasper
- Speaker system: We'll use bull horn instead of Stan's system. Sharon agreed to MC.
- Barb will be clown
- Detroit AeroModelers Fun Fly and glider-making
- Horse rides
- Acorn Planting
- Paula Trilety suggested a man who wants to lead an art project made from found trash.
- Paul suggested the agricultural group coming to the nursery be invited

### **Rouge Park 5K Run**

- We need people to volunteer for 5K run downriver for experience in planning a 5K run.
- Martha will present at the next WCO meeting about Rouge Park Appreciation Day at St. Thomas Aquinas.

**Next meeting:** June 4, 6pm at Joy & Spinoza picnic area (if raining, at Chick's Bar).

Following meeting: June 18 6pm

Next meeting for 5K run: May 28 at 7pm