

**Friends of Rouge Park Meeting**  
**April 21, 2009**

**Attendance:**

Thomas McNulty, Eric Tomlinson, Paul Stark, Sally Petrella, Chester Marvin, Paul Schwab, Sharon Mioduch, Janice Slomba-Koss, Jasper Lindsey, Harvey Santana, Lisa Goldsmith

**Minutes:** Accepted as read

**Treasurer's Report**-Chester Marvin. Total: \$3576.27. We recieved.\$1123.59 reimbursement from the city for last year's Rouge Park Appreciation Day.

**Membership Report**-Tom McNulty. 53 individual & family memberships and 12 organizational memberships. 65 total memberships. We received three renewals.

**Presidents Report**-Sally Petrella:

1. The Tunnel Project removed our large Rouge Park sign at Warren Ave. to access the sewer lines for the new Pump House. They have promised to replace the sign and replace all the plants they removed. Paul Schwab offered to help restore the planting.
2. The Student Conservation Association in conjunction with Greening of Detroit is looking for projects in the park. Sally met with Craig Bristow and Evan Major. They discussed doing projects such as closing off Sorenson to ATVs, and completing work at Scout Hollow. They also discussed doing a big cleanup of the paintball mess down in the Stone Bridge area. Sally suggested we write a letter to the city opposing the Paint Ball activities in the Park. Discussion ensued as to how best to approach the Paint Ball people to encourage them to move elsewhere. Tom M. made a motion that we write a letter to the Rec. Dept. opposing paint ball in Rouge Park. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Sally and Paul met with the General Services Dept. regarding "naturalizing" parts of the park to save the expense of mowing. We gave them a map designating areas we'd like to see reforested or restored to native prairie.

**Old Business:**

Friends of Rouge Park banner. Paul Schwab made a motion to have Janice order the 11' X 3' banner saying "Friends of Rouge Park" for approximately \$135. Motion passed.

**New Business:**

1. Rouge Park Appreciation Day Update-Sharon Mioduch, chair.  
Rouge Park Appreciation Day has been approved and is on the list for the City Council to pass a formal resolution. We agreed to invite the Tunnel Project people to bring a display. Sally brought flyers to distribute for Rouge Park Appreciation Day. Sally collected T-Shirt sizes for the volunteer's t-shirts. We will need more tables since Di Allgood won't be here to bring all her tables and canopy. Tom McNulty agreed to get donated tables from his church. We discussed either purchasing or borrowing canopies. Sharon offered to store the canopies if we buy them.
2. Rouge Park Appreciation Day Projects. Paul Stark and Martha Gruelle will do garlic

mustard pulling projects. Jasper spoke of putting in a fire pit and work on and paint the flag pole in Scout Hollow. We discussed, probably next year, putting in a nature trail from Scout Hollow to the Archery Range/Buffalo Soldiers. Other possible projects: Removing Paint Ball trash at the Stone Bridge area, cleaning up steps to sledding hill. Organic Organization had offered 100 people to help do a project, but they stop contacting us and apparently cancelled the project.

3. Rouge Park Appreciation Day Activities. Lunch at 11am. Jasper will bring PA system.

4. Discover Rouge Park Day. Lisa submitted the letter to city council for permission. Eric will coordinate an archery tournament. Buffalo Soldiers will give pony rides. D-Town Farm will do a cantaloupe planting and vegetable sales. Detroit AeroModelers will do an air show. Jasper will organize a scout cooking demonstration.

5. 5K Run. Paul Stark put the printable registration form and the online registration form on our web page. Janice got a phone number for Friends of Rouge Park. Paul Stark listed the run on several Event Listing web sites. Sally and Paula completed the letter to recruit sponsorships but haven't mailed it out yet.

Next meeting: Tues. May 19, 6pm