

**Friends of Rouge Park Meeting**  
**May 19, 2009**

**Attendance:** Janice Slomba-Koss, Paul Stark, Sally Petrella, Chester Marvin, Paul Schwab, Eric Tomlinson (Elite Archery), Thomas McNulty (Detroit AeroModelers), Jill Katakowski (Greening of Detroit Nursery), Sharon Mioduch, Tamara Dyson (WODCA), Michelle Joyner (Commissioner Alisha Bell's Aide), Jackie Hunt (D-Town Farm ), Jasper Lindsey (Boy Scouts), Harvey Santana (WCO)

**Minutes:** Accepted as read

**Treasurer's Report** - Chester Marvin. Total: \$3285.87.

**Membership Report**-Tom McNulty. 53 individual & family memberships and 12 organizational memberships. 65 total memberships. Many memberships will expire in June.

**President's Report**-Sally Petrella:

1. Paul Schwab and Sally met with Kenny Construction and they let them pick out \$400 worth of plants and mulch to replace the plants lost when they dug up our large sign at Warren Ave. to access the sewer lines for the new pump house. They have also agreed to water them regularly for the first week or so.
2. DWSD is claiming economic hardship and is trying to suspend or reduce the tunnel project (or at least get more stimulus funding)
3. Greening of Detroit is developing a master plan for the nursery that should be completed by the end of June. It will be available to see at our next meeting. The master plan involves plans for the trees, environmental education and the wetlands.
4. New Friends of Rouge Park Banner will be ordered.
5. Sally wrote a letter to the city regarding the paintball damage, but has not received a response yet.

**New Business:**

1. Rouge Park Appreciation Day Update-Sharon Mioduch, chair.
  - A. Rouge Park Appreciation Day has been approved by the Rec. Dept. and is still on the list for the city council approval. Porta-Potties and wash stands have been ordered. We still need to do a press release. Sally and Paul Schwab are handling this.
  - B. Rouge Park Appreciation Day Projects: Paul Stark and Martha Gruelle will do garlic mustard pulls. Aristeo Construction will pull two cars out of the Joe Prance area and pull junk out from the Tireman Bridge area. Tamara found a new car dumped southeast of the Spinoza Bridge. Sally will tell Aristeo about it. Michigan Mountain Biking Assoc. will do a small project on the bike trail. New projects: the Greening of Detroit Nursery will do a trash clean up and mulch and water small trees. D-Town Farm will build a walking path and do some cleanup. Tamara will lead a work crew at the planting at Joy & W. Parkway. She may also lead a crew to tear down the old clay planting hill at Tireman and W. Parkway. Sally suggested asking Kenny Construction or Aristeo to level it out instead. Scout Hollow Project: Scouts will work on painting the base of the flag pole, and fill in holes, and possibly put in the fire pit.

C. Lunch: Tom M. will get 320 hotdogs. Sally will get 50 vegan hot dogs. Tom will bring 10 tables. We need three tables for Registration, Sally has one. Sharon will find two more. Sally will arrange a meeting with the city a few days before to make sure everything is in place.

2. Discover Rouge Park Day. It will begin at 10am and end at 2pm. New events planned since last meeting include the Mich. Mountain Biking Assoc. doing a demonstration trail building project. Audubon Society will do a bird walk for kids. The Nursery has not planned anything yet. Paul Stark will develop a flyer for the event.

3. 5K Run. Next mtg. 6/10. Harvey Santana suggested pre-run benefit dinner at Andiamos before the run. Tom M. suggested asking Summit Sports for sponsorship donation.

4. Friday 6/12, 6-9pm. Andiamos Restaurant will host a fund raising celebration dinner with "environmental entertainment" for all the volunteers who worked on the cleanup at Rouge Park Appreciation Day. Part of proceeds will go to Friends of the Rouge.

5. Commissioner Alisha Bell's aide said Alisha wants to contribute to Rouge Park Appreciation Day.

Next meeting: Tues. June 16, 6pm