

Friends of the Rouge Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2016
U of M Environmental Interpretive Center
Dearborn, MI 48128
Informational only

Directors Present: Alice Bailey (AB), Mike Darga (MD), Chester Marvin (CM), Dave Norwood (DN), Susan Thompson (ST), Steve Weis (SW)
(6 total)

Directors Excused: Keith Armitage (KA), Andrew Hoffman (AH), Mike McNulty (MM), Carla VanKampen (CVK), Brandy Siediaczek (BS), William Stone (WS), (6 total)

Directors Absent: Adam Cloutier (AC), Heather Esper (HE), (2 total)

Staff Members Present: Karen Hannah (KH) (1 total)

1) CALL TO ORDER – no call to order; no quorum present; informational meeting only

2) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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3) APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

a. Minutes June 8, 2016

4) REPORTS (refer to reports in Board packet)

a..Rouge Education Project (REP)

GM Hamtramck granted \$10,000

b. River Restoration/Volunteer Monitoring (PI)

c. Membership Update/Committee

d. Fund Development Committee

e. Finance Committee/Treasurer

i. May 2016

ii. June 2016

5) NEW BUSINESS

a. Boat tours

119 people attended the August cruise, \$7000 net profit, not including staff time, 141 reservations

b. Erb Foundation coordination

Coordination with other watershed groups

c. Funding database-Metasoft

d. Healing our Waters membership

e. Staff issues/concerns

f. FOTR/ARC Merger Next Steps

Working on securing a recruiter for Executive Director. Several resumes received so far. Erb is funding the recruiter, and moving forward with hiring the recruiter

g. Executive Director search

h. Discussion

i. Board training

j. Additional issues from the floor

Trailer for FOTR project equipment hauling could be funded through grant. KH is researching insurance and storage options for the trailer while it is not in use

k. Sign thank you notes

7) ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted by:

Susan Thompson
FOTR Secretary