

CORE June 2026 Minutes

Tuesday, June 2nd, 2026

UP Civic Building – 2nd floor Conference Room

3609 Market Place W – take elevator up to 2nd floor

Attendees in person and online: Barry Crust, Asuka Ludden, Tony West (operations manager), Monty Stranski, Rick Mercier, David Emery, Kay Townsend, Bill Horn (master gardener), Lynsie Patschke, Kelly Radford, Amy Nassissi, Debbie Klosowski, Sue Gurley, Kris Docherty

Approval of Minutes- approved with corrections

Treasurer's Report -Sue Budget Updates \$17 625.72. with \$35 donation, Adoption revenue \$3,175, expenses \$6395.66. Debbie reported a Brochure container was destroyed. After a new one was installed, it was also destroyed so we are now using a plastic bag.

Rich and Sue reviewed revenue and expenses. Core was given a copy of the spreadsheet. It was a challenge as the city reports on an annual basis while CORE begins in November when adoption revenue starts to come in. In terms of expenses, the details on the city report are not specific. Debbie suggested that Sue document what is being reimbursed before delivering to the city for reimbursement so that we have a clearer understanding about expenses vs revenue. Debbie voiced appreciation for all their work and the time involved in performing the review.

Staff Report- Tony reported that the irrigation has been on for two months, mulch has been delivered last week with plans to deliver additional mulch today. The last spray was on May 21st and the option to use credit cards for adoptions has been delayed due to a key staff person's departure. CORE discussed our concern regarding sprays, especially with an upswing in apple maggots.

Questions included whether the spray company was informed about insect results as well as a spray rotation or additional spray to combat insects or shortening the time between sprays. Tony agreed to follow up on our concerns and check the instructions on frequency between sprays.

Debbie followed Bill's suggestion to clean and reapply the goop to apple maggot traps into the trees with the worst numbers. It would be ideal to have a check of insects before the next spray to see the effect of the sprays. Debbie is limited on time but will try or if any other members can do it that would be helpful. It was noted that family picnics/activities /dog exercising often occur and CORE expressed interest in additional notification to alert the public regarding spray dates. Tony said contractor is following rules regarding public notification.

Volunteer Hours-Adjusted the volunteer hours to 202.25. I had not collected all the verification needed for the city to pay L&I and submit for Tree City hours. I would prefer you to sign in and print your name for the city.

Website- Lynsie

- Website updates(added information about thinning, summer concerts)
- added April meeting minutes to website
- Design contest: compiled submission into Google slides (10 designs received)

Adoptions-Kris

- Pruning Adoptions (\$65) level 71; Orchard Supporter Adoptions (\$125 level) 54
- 12 Tour/Gift Trees+ wedding tree + 2 auction trees all free.

***Tree Tags/Kiosk** updates-Barry and Rick- everything is up to date.

Tree Care

- Thinning status/Party-Debbie's response was surprised with the turnout. She pointed out two students that helped with the thinning. Monty pointed out that the golden delicious trees are ready for thinning. Debbie will keep reminding each month the need for thinning more than once.
- Spring Height reduction pruning and hole assessments- Robert has agreed to the \$1000 contract for pruning. He will do 9 to 10 trees on 6/19 and 6/23 with branches left under the tree. Hole assessment will be checked this summer by whether the tree moves. There was a question regarding leaves that seemed to be curled and brown. Bill says it can be contributed to weather cycle of cool then wet then cool plus reduction of one of our scab sprays. However, this is not a serious problem.

Cider Squeeze-SATURDAY AUGUST 22 8:30 set up Event 10-2 Takedown 2-4:30

Monty and Rich have started recruiting for presses and people to run presses with save the day mailing.

Harvesting High Density area-Friday August 21st starting at 9AM

HS Volunteer Recruitment Dates and times (check with school regarding summer hours applied to school year totals)

Volunteers-need approx. 30

Need 6 + presses to DATE: CORE has 3 electric,+ 1 manual(used for tours), 2 additional manuals plus Radford's new one and one volunteer to run one of our presses.

Jug purchases proposing changing to gallons from quarts. We used 300 half gallons and sold out. Half gallons were usually too small. The team asked for a discussion before a decision to purchase. Debbie will purchase 1 box of crate liners.

For the flow of adopters, they are asking for the dumpster to be pulled back. Tony said that can be done.

Donation letters were sent to businesses for food and apple pole pickers. Since we are not a 501C this will affect what, if any, donations we receive.

Cider Squeeze volunteers-Debbie asked Kay to check with the High School for a table at the High School registration.

We need 10 students for each segment: set up, help at squeeze and take down. Kris noted the time for sophmores to register is the most productive as they come with their parents. The school usually hands out the volunteer requirements for each grade level to the parents. In the past, summer hours could be counted especially helpful for student athletes.

Logo Design Contest-Lynsie showed the 10 entries and discussed the voting procedure reminding us of the criteria that was required: Maximum 3 colors and focus on broad appeal for T-shirts , caps and totes.

Lynsie will send out the designs to CORE and each member can vote for their top three choices.

Tour/Student Volunteer contest- Kay and Kelly- we discussed rewarding a student this year. Question was there a minimum number of hours that had to be met in the past? Kay will be setting this up differently for next year as the school is going be more involved in verifying hours. This may result in more student participation. Kay will contact the top three volunteers to determine if they want to share a tree. We need to establish criteria for the next year.

Concerts- Donation Box at entrance/exit/Barry's table --tabled

--Sponsorship and Banner- Sue is working on this to be done by her departure to Minnesota

Duck Daze- Asuka will represent CORE for the entire time of Duck Daze

Apple Recipes- Welcome Amy one of our tour guides. She came with interest in promoting apple recipes either hard copy or virtually. She has the platform to accommodate recipes with no ad.

Next meeting: Tuesday, July 7, 2026 6pm-8pm

HS Volunteer sign up

Cider Squeeze

Community Harvest Day