

CORE MAY 2026 Minutes

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

6pm-8pm

UP Civic Building-2nd floor Conference Room

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

Attendees in person and online: Lynsie Patschke, Jackson Guzzo (Park Maintenance Lead), Debbie Klosowski, Monty Stranski, Sue Gurley, Bill Horn (Master Gardener), Rich Knowles, Asuka Ludden, guest from Making a Difference was online, Kris Docherty

Approval of Minutes-There was a correction regarding the reason for a light on the flag which is required when the flag is flown at night vs vandalism. ✖

Treasurer's report- Sue \$6,347.33 expenses, \$3,050 in adoption fees for January thru April. (City's reporting does not include the adoption fees for November and December even though they pertain to the 2026 harvest year. Balance in Curran Account \$17,547.05. Debbie thanked Sue, Rich and Kris in reconciliation of funds with the city. Rich reported we are \$3,000 ahead of last year. Monty concerned with our budget with the cider squeeze, concerts coming up and if we need additional pruning. Debbie and Sue will get together to type a detailed report for the city that covers anticipated expenses. We will need supplies for the Cider Squeeze. We used up all insect trap supplies except for the sticky goop.

Next spray needs to be scheduled around the first of June per historical information provided by Bill. Spray company needs to make sure Bees are out of the orchard and to avoid days close to the Thursday concerts and orchard activities for the remaining sprays. This includes thinning days, cider squeeze and community harvest days.

Volunteer Hours 102 total Asuka was top volunteer for April with 77 hours.

Staff report-Jackson will replace the mulch supply when the city gets more. CORE submitted a request to determine if the city could help with their machines to deposit piles under the trees. CORE and volunteers will spread it. No movement on playground. The light was replaced at horse statute. Suzie a city employee retired last week. She will be missed as was a great help with orchard events. No word on the credit card implementation. Spray-- Jackson will contact Rick to determine when the bees will be out of the orchard before scheduling the next spray. The other half of the Grandview fence will be done by January.

Website Updates-Lynsie-did several changes: added a t-shirt design information page under the CORE tab; various updates to homepage; published a calendar page for the school tours; and assisted school tour guides with gaining access to the Tour Gmail account; The GoDaddy website domain renewal has been paid by Debbie.

T-shirt Design Contest: Lynsie will review Gmail for contest submission making sure the design and google documents are both submitted. There have been 2 designs received and 3 permission forms completed. Lynsie will be adding the submissions to PowerPoint.

Pruning Adoptions (\$65 level) __71__ Orchard Supporter Adoptions (\$125 level) 55

6 Tour trees + 4Free trees(auction) + 1 wedding tree -----11. Powdery mildew this not a problem per Bill.

Tree Tags-Barry up to date **Kiosk updates**- Rich posted

Tree Care-Recap of May 2 insect trap hanging: Debbie was very pleased with the event. It was completed earlier than expected, including redoing one tree. This activity had the highest volunteer turnout. Thanks

to Kay for coordinating the students who needed volunteer hours before the cutoff. Update on Volunteer for a Tree was tabled until a future meeting.

Bees-We need to check with Rick to determine when he will be removing the bees.

We cannot complete tags on Belgium fence and high-density trees until that time since the special ink for the tags may be toxic to the bees.

Thinning--Late May/Early June. adopters to start thinning when the apples become the size of a nickel. Everyone thins their adopted trees which is a change from last year.

Spring pruning & Holes in Tree assessments-Debbie identified 22 trees which need height reduction. 33 trees were identified with holes. The holes were not of great concern but should be monitored. Robert Sweet discussed the shaking and moving the tree to determine if removal is merited. Robert previously indicated he could assess the health of the trees with holes this summer. Core and tour staff were reminded that due to the age of the trees make sure children or adults do not climb on the trees. We have had several limbs fall unexpectedly. This is when thinning becomes very important to the health of the trees.

There was a discussion about setting aside \$1000 for Height reduction. This is a height reduction contract based on the time of the year. Debbie will contact Robert and Ian to determine their availability and how many trees they could do. Debbie will prioritize the 22 trees.

Logo Design Contest-see Lysie previous entry

Chambers Bay Woman's club-will be selling water and ice cream at the concerts -and- Community Harvest Day August 30th. They asked for the times which will be 10-4. The same as last year.

Tour feedback/Student Volunteer contest-Kay & Kelly Since Kay or Kelly were not in attendance, Asuka witnessed the tour. The tour group was expected older children. They were 5 years and younger. They were there for the blossoms and the Bees. Kids asked fantastic questions. Kay had a crafting table for them. Debbie said Kay was thrilled with the tour.

Other

Debbie asked for clarification how to handle a request for 50-100 children coming to the orchard which is a park. Jackson responded 50+ in the orchard requires contacting the City Permit department. Lysie has covered the procedure on the website with a link to the city permit department. Core concerns included children climbing on the trees and picking apples. The inquiry was part of a summer camp activity. Debbie did not know whether there is still an interest. Jackson suggested that she tell them of some of the restrictions for attendance in the park. Due to the numbers, she should then direct them **to the city permit department**.

-Concert Sponsorship and banner-ready picking up Sue

-April 11 Eagle Scout project recap-bench is completed, and other scouts helped with mulching.

-Duck Days- June 6th 9-3 Asuka will help collect volunteer names with email addresses and provide information and will hand out applications.

-**Two** bands contacted the Orchard regarding performing. American Legion band request to play in the orchard for free. Sue directed them to apply to city to use band stand and contact us for next years in the fall if they want to participate in our concert schedule. Another band wanted to play in the orchard. Sue told them to contact the city for a permit use the bandstand and to avoid playing around our concert schedule.

Next Meeting: Tuesday June 2nd at 6-8pm. Focus will be Cider Squeeze come with lists for assign duties.