

CORE November 2025 Agenda

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

6pm -8pm

UP Civic Building – 2nd floor Conference Room

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

Attendees in person and online: Barry Crust, Rich Knowles, Debbie Klosowski, Eagle Scout candidate Gavin Graham and parents, David Emery, Donna Perry (UP Historical Museum), Bill Horn(master gardener), Lysie Patschke, Monty Stranski, Kris Docherty

Approval of Minutes-Clarified from October meeting that we agreed if you do not prune your assigned tree, you will lose your right to adopt at the pruning level in the future. Everyone agreed to this change. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report \$14,315.33 We have an expected \$1,000 in expenses outstanding

Volunteer Hours – Orchard hours 66.35

Gavin Graham -Eagle Scout project status: search for mulch, lumber for making a bench in the spring. They met with Jackson last Thursday. Bench location approved up on the hill across from another eagle scout project bench. Debbie said they can do it without us when ready. However, CORE would like to be informed regarding construction date. We can have someone in the orchard if needed. Once the mulch is located it can be delivered to the end of Curran Lane. There are no gates to deal with at this location.

Staff Report- Sprays, playground update, mulch, other: October 15th was the last yearly spray. Playground still in process. Funding is the last phase. Since we do not know when playground construction will begin, we decided not to adopt out the three affected trees. Kris will inform adopters of the trees 1-1,1-2 and 2-2 being removed at the end of the season or before. We will give them the option of adopting available trees.

INTRODUCTIONS: David Emery, Donna Perry (historical society rep)

Website- Brochure is printed and mailed. Lysie will focus on updating adoption info on the website first. She intends to review the entire website. She will be tackling other projects such as a Tour calendar to be used by the tour guides as well as a calendar of available time slots so groups can choose their preferred dates. To support tours guides, a Gmail specific to tours will be established. After website updates are done, Lysie wants CORE to review website with a critical eye for needed improvement.

UP Historical Society-Donna Perry, President of UP Historical Society, indicated the society would like to work with us since we are on the same property. For the next 6 months they will be open 1st Saturday of the month. Using our own websites, each of us could promote each other. She anticipated coordinating their openings with our activities. When we are working in the orchard, we are not necessarily dressed or can stop what we are doing to tour. Often volunteers are dropped off for work. These people might be candidates for future museum visits. We have two months of Saturday pruning dates, Summer Concerts on Thursdays, fruit thinning activities in June, Cider Squeeze in August on a Saturday and Community Harvest Day on a Sunday. She would like open communication which could involve attending meetings together and fundraisers. We will provide them CURRAN ORCHARD brochures, and they will provide signs promoting their location and hours. We were not sure how to direct people to the entrance. It is the downstairs part of the house with entrance under the overhead patio right side of house. Visitors would take the driveway down to the museum.

Old Business

-Orchard Work Party Update- new dates to be announced to take remaining apples from the trees and tape.
-Height Reduction? This is a discussion every year. In the 1950s, Mr. Curran did not use dwarf root stock when planting our trees as we do now. He kept the tree short which resulted in low fruit production plus had horses in the orchard. As a result, our trees are very tall which makes harvesting and pruning difficult since we are not allowed to use ladders. The preferred height is 12 feet. Debbie is getting a bid on height reduction. She will discuss this issue with whomever we choose to reduce the height of the trees.

-Adoption Process Update(Emails and tree assignments) we will have the renewals processed by end of December. Kris has already started processing the early renewal adopters.

-Insect Traps-purchased and they are in the barn When we hang the new ones, we will take down last season's traps.

-Fred Langton -has asked for someone to take over his pruning of the Curran Orchard letter sign. He has asked for deer fencing to encompass the sign. CORE will consider this before deciding whether to put fencing around the sign. Barry pointed out the "wedding tree" which is a young honey crisp needs a higher fence due to the deer plus needing additional water.

Barry-Barry stressed the importance of mulch to make the orchard inviting to visitors and future adopters. He has worked hard to locate sources since the city is unable to temporarily provide a "dumping" spot due to Town Center construction. Hopefully, the Height reduction contract for the trees will help by leaving mulch rather than taking it away. In addition, Troop 299 Eagle Scouts are working on locating a source as part of their Eagle scout project for the Orchard. They could dump at end of Curran Lane which avoid coordination to unlock gates. The troop members would move the mulch to where it is needed.

-Fundraising ideas for future? Lysie identified a site to obtain tee-shirts, canvass bags, and hats.

Lysie and Donna talked about profit sharing sales at local restaurants. U.P. Historical society used this recently and Lysie has used this in another location. Members are the servers for a breakfast which is same for everyone. Donna said the Tip jar help too. All these ideas need city approval. They may be affected by the fact that we are not a 501C. There might be a work around based on how the order with the website BONFIRE ? is done.

We discussed brick sales with names. ADA requirements might affect how and where they would be placed.

Another suggestion was to work with UP Historical Society to sell plants and trees at their Garden Tour Fund Raiser. This would need some planning and time to have plants available.

Tony will need clarification if there are any restrictions for these suggestions.

Next meeting: Tuesday, December 2 (CORE holiday party?) 6 pm -8p

This will be a Debbie's Home. RSVP with what food you are bringing. Email will be sent to you.