

CORE July 2025 Minutes

Tuesday, July 1, 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: Bil Horn(master gardener), Debbie Klosowski, Jessica Hannity, Sydney Hennessy, Monty Stranski, Barry Crust, Rich Knowles, Tony West(operation manager for UP), Kris Docherty

Approval of Minutes-with two corrections approved forward to Lysie to be added to website

Treasurer's Report -\$14,435 with pending \$425 sprays and Bees 450, with two pruning payments yet to be received \$1400total (Sweet and Hannity)

Volunteer Hours – Orchard hours 75.2

Staff Report- Sprays, brush pickup/mowing/irrigation Last spray was June 27. Next spray will be in July. There was a question about how close the sprays can be to each other. There are two remaining insecticides July and August. The last contracted spray is the anthracnose in the fall. The answer was sprays need to be a least 7 days apart. Any scheduling must take in consideration the concerts dates 24th and 31st plus the end of month Twisted Cider Run on the 26th. August spray would need to be 7 days before Adopter Appreciation Cider Squeeze ideally between. August 11-13. Branch pick up was completed with the exception under 36-1. Mulch storage has been eliminated by the construction near the UP Civic building. We asked could it be dumped in the orchard. The city gets the mulch from tree companies that dumped in the cities' large secure lot. Due to the construction in the Chamber Bay Complex space is not available. Tony will work on this request as it will need coordination to access the orchard for a dump. After the last meeting, a 100% system review and testing of the irrigation was conducted to make sure the trees were getting the needed water. Everything looks good. Tony was reminded the need for a disability porta potty on lower part of orchard is needed during the concerts season. We will continue to have one near the barn.

Website – No updates. She would like the band pictures that she saw for the website. She has a list of edits that she will be setting time aside to address them. New members give us a fresh new approach. To increase participation, Lysie suggested marketing the squeeze as Adopter Appreciation Cider Squeeze.

Adoptions-Kris total adoptions = 136 paid adoptions 67 pruning(\$50),69 supportive adoptions(\$80)then 10 free which includes 6 tour trees

Kiosk updates/Tree Maps-Rich-.Kiosk list updated, map will be updated shortly

Tree Tags- Barry/Rich tags are done and posted at tree bases

THINNING-The posted priority thinning map has been helpful but still there are trees that have not been done.

Windfalls-no issue currently . Managing windfalls applies to the pruning and supporter adopters for insect management. Tony will be asking UP refuse to empty the dumpster near the barn and provide an additional one in the lower orchard.

Tree Taping Notices- email reminder to tape their trees. Barry suggested limiting the times tape is wrapped around branches or make sure you are the one taking the tape down.

Mason Bees-Rick Bees out of Orchard. They did a fabulous job.

Insect Count of apple maggots and codling moth update-Debbie insect stats June 28—9 apple maggots 9 same as May 26th , codling moth 44 vs 4; section 2 8 AM same May 26th,codling moth 39 vs 1cm on 5/26; section 3 8am same 17 codling moths vs 2 cm on 5/26;section 4 16 apple maggots same on 5/ 26th and 30 codling moth vs 2 cm on the 26th. The spray came after June 28th. We would be interested in the stats at next check. Surprising the June 28th of reading of high density showed only 1 AM and 7 codling moths. Historically the high-density section has had problems with apples maggots and codling moth. As a result, the Apples had to be inspected with the infected apples thrown away. No one would want these insects in their cider. It reduced available of apples to 30 bags for distribution to adopters with no apples or sold to non-adopters.

Concerts-Sue

-Banners/Publicity/A boards? Josh Cherry provided two Orchard signs promoting the concerts. Alameda and Cirque is one location. We agreed to move the Grandview and 40th /Olympic sign to Chambers Creek and Bridgeport.

-Ice Cream-Chambers Bay Women's Club will be selling ice cream at the orchard concerts from the barn.

-Curis HS backup site- who is the contact person if we have excessive heat, or air quality issues due to fires.

This is the type of situation we have used the High School in the past. Debbie will find out who is the contact person.

--Cider Squeeze **preparation** for Adopters(see separate attachment to come before meeting)

-Picking/Bagging Date August 22nd

Adoption Fee increases for 2026 Harvest Season-We started the discussion with the final decision would be made till later after August Harvest Days and Cider Squeeze. Debbie listed the cost for last three years using outside pruners: \$4400(2023), \$5892(2024), and \$6590 this year. Monty noted that it costs \$200 per tree. We had 69 adopters who paid \$80 for pruning and thinning(5520). An increase was a suggested for pruners 60 and 95 for core pruning and thinning. Barry pointed out using outside pruners to manage to height is essential with the inability to use ladders in the orchard. The size of CORE membership effects what can be accomplished. Barry who has attended all concerts to promote adoption was asked to recruit core membership.

Other brochure changes? Pended till September

--Tours -left over from last meeting who takes over High school communication and working with community transition program which requires being present when they help in the orchard. The request went out to the group. Tour coordinator/guide requestion 3 names were provided to us and were contacted. We may have reduced number of tours next season. Jill will meet with Kate Townsend and any other interested volunteers in July. As part of the training, Jill will make herself available to conduct a tour with Kate observing.

Others-Barry stated that the Barn need to be cleaned. Debbie Scheduled group clean-up for Saturday July 12th at 9:00.

Next Meeting: Tuesday August 5th 6 pm-8pm