CORE Minutes October 2026

Tuesday October 6, 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: Kelly Radford, Sue Gurley, Nhagara Hayes, Lynise Patschke, Liam Osburne, Debbie Klosowski, Rich Knowles, Rick Mercier, Barry Crust, Sydney Hennessy, Tony West(Operation manager), Auska Ludden, Kris Docherty

Happy Birthday Rich and thanks to his family for the Birthday cake

Approval of Minutes

Kris corrected the minutes to state that footies will be used in the high-density area in the spring.

Treasurer's Report — Sue

Revenue: $5,077

Expenses: $7,020

Current balance: $19,168.37

Eagle Scout projects: Rich

Liam- Proposed the 21st of November for his projects to accommodate all the girl scout's involvement. He will be planting 6 or 8 trees, removing grass, installing fencing around each tree, replacing 2 posts row markers and moving row eight's marker to its correct position. There was a discussion about the placement of the tree. They need pollinators and water from irrigation system. Rich provided a map with suitable spots. Some spots were better than others. Rich used to sources to determine appropriate pollinators. Rick and others concerned that the 21st of November would be too late. The trees need to be planted before the ground freezes which could happen in late November. Liam understood the need to change the date and chose November 7th. His process does not allow him to pick any earlier dates. Rich and Rick will do planning for the placement after the meeting. Debbie asked if Liam had the financial resources to complete his project or whether the orchard needs to help. The scout council has given him $150; he will contact Lowes for discounts if all fail, he has financial resources to complete his project. Debbie signed off on Liam's plan.

Althea-She is a scout working towards being an Eagle Scout. She will be mounting tree signs on to the PVC pipes.

Kelly Radford- found in the Orchard a Hunting arrow when she was leading a tour of young children. Debbie would like signs regarding hunting. Tony looked up about hunting in University Place. City code states no one should carry arms in University Place.

Staff Report: Tony continued the discussion regarding hunting animals after the hunting arrow was found. City Code says no hunting of any game animal is allowed in the city citing a 1997 city code. Target practice is allowed under certain conditions. High Density fence has been repaired. Jackson delivered a load of mulch. City has a good supply so there was a discussion regarding core's preference of dumping sites. Jackson said the cities PVC pipe is low. City is willing to buy additional PVC piping. Barry will get together with Tony or Jackson as to what is needed. The cities irrigation systems have been turned off. Next and last Spray is scheduled for Oct 26. Dumpster is being moved back to the original position. The credit card system is still on hold. Those families without checks can come to the city finance department and give credit card or cash. Barry brought up the tree 34-1. Kids are removing the cones and playing around this tree. Fortunately, they are not climbing on the unstable tree. There was a vote of CORE to remove the unstable/dangerous tree. City will be removing the tree. It was an adopted tree.

NEW Business-

***2027 Adoption Brochure**-

1. Decision made to send email to existing adopter which will save postage & inform them of deadlines plus adoption fees.
2. Brochures are they necessary all agreed they are needed especially for new people inquiring about adoptions

Proposed Updates: added year, correct curran lane to Rock Road, Welcome section added sustain orchard, Prices will stay the same as we are $4000 ahead of last year, Tag names will be limited 20 characters, Scheduled pruning party 1/30,2/6,2/20,3/6,3/13,3/20,CiderSqueeze August 21st, added mulch to adopter responsibilities, Concerts-to be determined, Community Harvest-to be determined. Lynsie was asked to provide Debbie help in formatting the results of Cores' decisions for final review. Group agreed to order 400 brochures. Lynsie will check price points to decide on the final number to be ordered. By November Kris will have the letter to be sent out the renewal adopters with deadlines for reapplication.

Old Business

• Final Harvest Dates — **October 19** is the final day to pick apples and remove tape from trees. Kayla will send the email.
• Insect Traps — Debbie needs a decision on the purchase of traps, lures, and apples for applying goop for the test trees and the high-density area. The group approved up to $700.

***Tree Tag Updates-** Rich and Barry have 110 feet of PVC pipe but need 200 feet. The city agreed to purchase the rest of what we needed in 20 ft lengths which they would need to cut into 2.5 ft sections. Barry has been out so Rich has been working on sealing the signs. They have completed 134 tree tags and IDs; additional 19 signs have been collected to be worked on. Barry is assuming there are additional ones in the orchard. Althea will be doing in the installation under the trees.

Curtis HS Community Transition students-Debbie the group comes on Tuesdays.

Tours-Kay and Kelly- They are wrapping up the tours in the next two weeks. Barry has observed they are doing a great job with the children. They were well controlled and happy. Sadly, they ran out of apples to give to the children which from is a combination of weather and people picking. Children enjoy how the McIntosh shine up. Kelly says the kids do a craft project as part of the tour. She is proposing adding 5 to 6 Spring Tours when the trees are in bloom. For continuity, they can return in the fall to see what developed from the flowers.

Student Volunteer requirements- Kay tabled

Power Wheelbarrow-Rich still in testing process

How did Steilacoom Cider Squeeze go for our representatives Rich, Kelly and Bill with electric presses. What did we learn? Participants pay $12.00 for a jug. Apples are added until one gallon of cider is produced. Steilacoom supplies the apples. They were very busy till they finally ran out of apples which was right at the end. Their production went faster than the manual presses, so the scouts were working hard to find them apples. The electric presses operated in a separate area from the manual presses. There were more regulations such as glove wearing and required periodically press sanitize of their machine during the process. They worked hard but enjoyed their experience.

Rick invited anyone to come to his home to watch him prepare the bees for refrigeration. You need to call him.
Or email him. He hopes to be done by Thanksgiving.

November Agenda items

Budget Update- Rich and Sue reconcile adoption fees from November rather than just 2026.

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Next meeting: Tuesday, November 3, 2026, 6pm-8pm