

CORE Minutes November 2022

Attendees: Kayla Williams, Debbie Klosowski, Barry Crust, Larry Warwick, Monty Stranski, Ricker Mercier, Bill Horn (Master Gardner), Kris Docherty

Call to order: 6:00 TO 7:30

Approval of Minutes: OCTOBER MINUTES APPROVED FOR POSTING

Treasurer's Report: \$13,920.42 Adoption brochures cost of \$350 still pending.

Volunteer Hours –October volunteer hours Orchard 61.0 and Administrative 7

Staff Report- The City has turned off the irrigation for winterizing and will be mulching.

Website- needs to be updated.

Orchard Maintenance

-Windfalls-looks okay

-Problem limbs/tree removals –Barry took care of fallen limbs

-Wasp nests-staff removed it from the high density

-Order for insect traps request approved to be order to deal with apple maggots and coddling moths. We will be using the same system as last couple years using the 4 quadrants with test trees. Bill offered an example of an insect prevention strip used by another orchard. The cost was not known.

-Spray updates-Rick will be contacting the city to confirm the number of sprays done this year

School Tours- Jill conducted 29 tours, which included 521 children and 240 adults.

Adoption Brochure 2023-they have arrived

-Mailing Party/Letters – **save receipts, no help needed per Kayla**

-Night Pruning Presentation? Thursday 1/26/23 6:30-8:00 will be the date as confirmed that Robert Sweet is available. We will need to check with Mayor as to availability of a room at City Hall for the talk.

Presentation to City Council : Debbie is working on draft by next meeting. Presentation to the council has not been determined. Feedback on issues welcomed.

--Irrigation Issues- will check with Jack Ecklund for updates

--Spray Communication- to be covered in draft noted in previous discussion in past minutes

--Apple Harvest Conditions-feedback and pictures appreciated

Volunteer Recruitment

--Pruning Assistance – Paid? It was suggested that there be a discussion with Robert and Darwin on their recommended tree height. Debbie would be doing a walk through for rows for tall trees. Others are welcomed on the walk through the orchard. Question is there fruit up high? Some adopters have had their best crops up high but not reachable.

--HS Crew Training? An environmental HS teacher was in contact with Debbie regarding students working in the orchard. An idea was to train a core of HS students to do more than pick up branches and mulch. They could be trained to prune. Is this something we would like to pursue. Yes. Contact city regarding liability issues regarding pruning.

Concerts – Sue unable to attend so tabled discussion

Park Etiquette Sign – Respect Your Park...no climbing on trees or statue? Feedback is try to make in a less directive tone. Help protect the your park. Trees can be seen as available for climbing but their age and condition can lead to damage to the trees and injuries to climbers. We want the trees to be a resource for as many years as possible.

In addition we needed to remind visitors that the sculpture of the horse and child is not an additional play area but a piece of art that the community worked hard to provide. We have witnessed parents allowing children to climb the sculpture. A draft will be forth sent to CORE for approval by Debbie. We will ask from city if the posting of this sign is acceptable.

Other-Bill is donating back Jugs not used the Meeker event.

Next meeting: Tuesday, Dec 6th potluck at Debbie's house. Our meeting room will be changing in January. City has leased this space. City Hall Location will be the same.