

CORE Minutes-August 2, 2022

In person meeting at the Curran Barn – 6:00 pm

Attendees: Kayla Williams, Barry Crust, Larry Warwick Debbie Klosowski, Jill Worthington, Judy and Yaakov Wachner, Kayla Williams, Bill Horn (master gardener), Kris Docherty

Approval of Minutes –July meeting minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report \$5,420 adoption, 3,994.15 expenses, \$1500 cost for concerts, current orchard acct total \$16,700.64

Volunteer Hours – Orchard 19.5 hours and Administrative 8.0 hrs.

Staff Report- Tony provided drip irrigation map, which runs 12 hours a week. High Density has been increase due to it location at top of orchard. The city can provide sand bags to hold down awnings

Website Update –

Orchard Maintenance

--Irrigation Update – Bill Horn/staff Bill updated us that he has not heard back from his WSU contact regarding irrigation questions. Larry reported no signs of water for trees 15-1 and 16-1.

--Insect Trap Update – Debbie reported significant increases in codling moths. Quadrant 2- 2 to 45, Quadrant 3 went from 6 to 50. Bill felt it was important to continue to check on the trees. Debbie and Rick will use the insect observations to report back to the city.

--Spray Update - 5/31 bees gone, sprayed 6/3,7/6 and next spray August 14. (2 weeks prior to Squeeze)

--Windfalls/Pruning-Kayla will send an email to remind adopters to remove windfalls from under their trees.

This is to reduce insects. Adopters should take the apples in dumpster at bottom of orchard. Debbie will check if a second can be provided for upper orchard.

--Do Not Pick Signs- Debbie will get the no pick signs printed for posting.

- Debbie did an assessment of trees that need pruning to allow mowers to go. The list is in the barn. The mowers observed are ones where the employees stand up. This is mentioned to determine how far up to trim.

*Cider Squeeze

--**Publicity** – Debbie (city newsletter, up patch, bp neighborhood, suburban times, UP Refuse & Church Reader board)
Kayla S – Social Media

Kayla W – email to adopters She will initiate a second reminder to adopters regarding windfall pick up and upcoming events.

--**United Church parking lot fee** – Debbie asked for approval to pay \$150 to United Church for the use of their parking lot for attendees of the Cider Squeeze. The request was approved.

-- **Volunteers** – Jill has informed high school of volunteer activities at the squeeze. Jill left her number for volunteers. We are hoping JBLM Cavalry will provide volunteers.

-- Volunteer **and Presser Food** – Coupons will be managed by Jill. 12 goodie bags will be made for the press operators which will include the food coupons. Trader Joe's will provide snacks for volunteers

-**Info/CORE Booth** – Barry, Kayla W, Kris Info sheets, picking bags and adoption forms will be available for attendees. Kayla will provide colored map of available trees for same day 2023 adoptions. Same day adoption means application and fees must be provided on the 28th.

-**Apple Purchase** – Rick negotiated a price with Tacoma Boys for 5 40lb boxes for \$120. (Fuji and Gala)
We will be bagging them up starting at 9:30 on the 26th.

-**Press Area** – Larry - 10 people for pressing the apples; Decals, and signs for jugs, 200 labels and gloves large purchased

- Meeting prior to starting to discuss ground rules, health department rules, reminding that apples must be washed and distribute gloves
- Breaks 30 minutes
- Press operators need to be trained to run a press. This clarification was a result the question could there be substitution of breaks for press operators.
- 12 goodie bags with water, variety of goodies and coupons –pies and pizza

Apple Pie & Ice Cream – Kayla S will pick up the pies and ice cream but can only work ½ a shift only in the AM
CORE will be selling water this year at the squeeze. We will ask the Trader Joe's volunteers if they can handle the pm shift.

Misc. Business

***UP Historical Society House Renovation Plans**-new parking is proposed for next year. No tree removal 5 parking spots off Rock Road

***Teddy Bear Picnic-This was a big success. It was well attended.**

***July 30 Orchard Run & Festivities -500 participants very successful event**

***Concert Recaps – July comments**

Aug 4 – Barry noticed children climbing tree. We might need a reminder at concerts this could result in accidents and damage to the trees.

Aug 18 - 5:45pm is the Forever Friends Dedication followed by JBLM New Orleans Brass Band

Future Dates:

Apple & Jug pick up _320 half gallons Tuesday 23rd Debbie will pick up in Olympia with help

Apple Bagging and picking high-density area -Friday 26th Starting at 9:30, we will be picking the high-density section and bagging the apples from Tacoma Boys.

Barry using his tools cut tall grass prior to the concerts due to lack of mowing. He also worked on the statute base to ready it for the dedication on the 18th. Great Job!

Sept & Oct Meetings/Locations- Sept 2th and October 4- Jill will chair this meeting and Sue will chair Oct to be held at City Hall. Decision is still pending regarding location at City Hall at the time of the meeting.