

CORE August Minutes
Tuesday, August 1, 2023
6pm -8pm

Microsoft team Meeting ID 273 687 066 716 password: uV8wEJ or

CALL IN 509 -342-7253 OR attend in person

UP Civic Building – 2nd floor Conference Room

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

Attendees: Debbie Klosowski, Jill Worthington, Bill Horn(Master Gardener), Monty Stranski, Patricia Stranski, Sue Gurley, Rick Mercier, Rick Knowles, Carmel Knowles, Jessica Hannity, Tony West (Parks Maintenance Supervisor),Kris Docherty

Welcome: Carmel Knowles, Richard Knowles and Jessica Hannity

Approval of Minutes- July Minutes approved

Treasurer's Report - \$15,112.65 Sue noted that the major expenses have been height reduction, Bee Pollination, tree pruning contract, and concert banners The cost of New Banners are still pending.

Website - updated stating that the cider squeeze has been cancelled.

Orchard Maintenance

-Spray update-Rick on July 22nd insect spray applied. The final insect spray will be August 21st per Tony.

Concert Updates- concerts have been enjoyed and are well attended. Mark H will be asked to announce the cider squeeze cancelation and Community Harvest Day on August 27th. Feedback from concert, was that we still need porta potty to accommodate visitors in the lower part of the orchard. Bridgeport Place Assisted Living has sent a 12 person by shuttle to our concerts with plans of attending more of our concerts. Tony said it was ordered. He will confirm that it is there by the next concert.

Adopter Squeeze and Harvest Day

CORE discussed the two signs that will promote the Harvest Day and notify that the Cider Squeeze is cancelled. The draft of the two signs were sent to all the core member in advance of the meeting. Core proposed changes to the draft. Sue will take the changes to the printer then will send to Debbie for review. The cost prior to requested changes was \$527 for Community Harvest banner. The cancellation banner which would be attached to across the old banner will cost \$86.

August 12th will be a training day with Larry, Monty and Bill on the cider presses. They will be cleaning and putting them together. Anyone who wants to learn about the processing of the apples and set up is welcomed. Monty will be ordering the required mesh for the machines.

August Events

-Publicity RE: Adopters only Squeeze City has been informed of the cancellation.

Debbie will send information of the changes to Suburban Times, UP Patch, and BP Neighborhood. Kayla W will be asked to Email to Adopters regarding sign up options for adopter only squeeze. There will be jugs for sale cash only \$1.00. Core approved the purchase of additional jugs. We currently have 48-gallon jugs.

-Adopter/CORE sign up for pressing times - Adopters will be sent the call in PHONE #(Jills) with deadline of August 12th- to sign up providing we have enough volunteers to he

-Viking Days- Aug 15 and 16 -fliers and who will attend—Jill will attend waiting for permission from the HS Vice Principal. She will call again. The immediate need of the 19th for adopter squeeze will make it difficult for getting any high school volunteers in time. We can hope our message will get volunteer support for the future.

-High Density Harvest- Friday August 18th 9am to 1pm – there are bags in the barn. Short meeting re squeeze process by barn afterward?

-Adopters only cider squeeze process SATURDAY, AUG 19

Jill will manage the volunteer sign-up sheet: cut off for volunteers is August 9th. There will be 4 people per hour between 10:00-2:00. We will need volunteers before moving forward. Once enough volunteers are signed up by 9th then on the 10th Jill will open for appointment times for the squeeze. We are having a problem getting volunteer support.

Jessica – volunteered to contact gleaner teams to help us with the adopter's squeeze.

8 am Set up: check in station (apples, jugs & labels, cashbox, sign in sheets, press timecards? Adopter list
City will provide an employee to help with set up and support to cider squeeze.

Wash area- wooden platforms, metal tubs, milk crates, awning, chairs, liners, signs re two bag limits.

Tape off press area with tape and orange cones

Signage re health dept and two bag limit per slot

Press area: Power, matt over extension cord, spider box, extension cords, gloves, hot water thermoses, Soap, paper towels, mesh?

Porta potty, handwash station

Relocate dumpster, ramp, wheelbarrows, shovels.

Aboard signs –Jill was asked to do Adopters Only Squeeze to be poster at Grandview and Brookside Drive entrances.

Barn will be the check in point for the squeeze.

10 am – 2 pm Adopters check in a barn garage, get two FREE bags of apples, jugs with labels(\$1ea)

Press time pass

Go around barn to back to wash area.

Dump apples in crate, dunk in two bins, then put apples in liner in crate.

Proceed to press line.

Adopters will do as much of pressing as possible to prevent presser fatigue.

Provide lunch for all volunteers!- Sue volunteered to provide pizza for the pressing teams.

Water available at Barn

2pm-4pm Take down.

If possible, CORE volunteers should write down their suggestions on what went well.

And improvements needed for next time.

Sunday, August 27 Community Harvest Day 10 AM to 4 PM 3 shifts 10 to 12, 12-2, 2-4 or provide coverage.

We will be staffing at barn to recruit volunteers, provide handouts to future adopters, identify trees for picking, and loan out pickers(5) for high picking.

Future Topics:

-scheduling of monthly meetings: Before scheduling August and other months, CORE needs to check for community activity conflicts which will affects attendance at meetings or activities in the orchard example : Community Night Out or Duck Daze

-Tours

-PowerPoint Revision for website

-2024 Orchard Brochures

Next meeting: Tuesday September 5th, 2023