

**CORE Minutes- October 4, 2022**  
**In person meeting at City Hall Atrium – 6:00 pm**  
**3715 Bridgeport Way W, Univ. Place 98466**

Attendees: Jill Worthington, Barry Crust, Bill Horn (master gardener), Kayla Williams, Kris Docherty

Approval of Minutes- September minutes were approved

Treasurer's Report - \$15,093.47 payment for 2 additional pickers pending to support the tours

Volunteer Hours –45.5 Orchard hrs. and 4 Administrative hrs. for September. Found at the barn an additional sign in sheet so correcting August Volunteer hour to 270 vs. 229

Staff Report- Tony-Irrigation will continue to run at 100% till there is a good amount of rain. Irrigation is normally turned off in October. We have had some major limbs come down this season. How much help can the city provide to the Orchard. A volunteer has cleared one limb with chainsaw.

### **Orchard Maintenance**

- Presentation to City Council later this year: We are asking for volunteers from CORE to work with Debbie on a presentation on our concerns. The time to present before Council to be determined
- Irrigation Issues-Pear tree issue is being worked on. Water volume vs. irrigation system is the issue. It seems to be more of an irrigation system issue. Bill pointed out that irrigation around the trees is not the same. There are at least 15 trees with upright drips, which needs to be checked as the mulch may affect them. It was asked if mulch is a bad thing. As stated in previous meeting, mulching is good as it helps retain moisture.
- Spray Communication
- Apple Harvest Conditions
- Adopter survey regarding apple harvest/tree conditions (**see attachment**)- 3 Options monkey survey or email questions to let adopter. The group decided not to send out a survey. After the work group comes up with COREs presentation, adopters at that point will be asked for input.

### **Work Parties-volunteers need and adopter participation**

- Windfalls- picks Jill observed very low the volume of windfalls.
- Transitional program participants are coming to the orchard every Wednesday 10:15 to 11:45 for cleanup
- Pruning problem limbs, tree removals-What support can we ask for from the city.

**School Tours**-Jill reported 14 more tours are scheduled. There have been children 215 and 137 adult's participants on tours in September.

### **Adoption Brochure 2023 Revisions (see attachment) –correct the map Rock Road vs. Curran Lane**

- Pruning Dates – weekdays as well as weekends? It was decided to stay with weekends. With the option for honoring individual requests for days if there is support.
- Night pruning class – who Robert? Where? Previous yearly site is charging. -**Pending**
- Thinning Date - proposed 6/10/23 to avoid conflict with Duck Daze
- Concerts-do we want continue summer concerts-yes with last years support can be done
- Cider Squeeze – August 27<sup>th</sup> yes
- Email changes? Kayla do we want to change email address on Brochures – yes she is working on it

Dates- Feb 4 and 18; March 4 and 18 These were good dates for Robert Sweet. We will need to find a location for the Pruning Class, which is scheduled at night. We are taking suggestions usually site is charging.

**Volunteers Recruitment and CORE membership–what can we do differently- CORE will ask Kayla Stewart to promote CORE and volunteering on social media**

**Park Etiquette Sign-brain stormed ideas- Respect your park, no climbing in trees, no shaking trees, no climbing on horse statue. One of the Core members found a mother letting her children climb on the horse statue. Her response was there was no signs saying do not climb.**

**Other- Barry wants to make sure he gets sign requests as they come in**

**Next Meeting:Tues, Nov. 1 at 6pm**