

CORE Minutes-February 1, 2022

Zoom Meeting 6:00PM

Attendees: Debbie Klosowski, Sue Gurley, Larry Warwick, Cathy Chung, Kelly Bradley, Barry Crust, Jill Worthington, Kayla Williams, Bill Horn, Kris Docherty

Approval of Minutes- minutes approved

Treasurer's Report- Adoptions for 2022- \$3,195.00, current balance \$19,969.79 No expenditures pending

Volunteer Hours – Orchard and Administrative – 96.5 orchard hours and 15 administrative hours. * Several volunteers signed in but no hours were listed. One division of the city needs volunteer names and another needs hours working in the orchard.

Staff Report

--Irrigation Update (Debbie) Tony indicated that the funding decision for the irrigation study is on hold due to staff retirements and other issues.

--Spray Update (Rick) –Kudos to Barry who on volunteer pruning day saw the arrival of the spray company. Debbie was able to wave off the spraying, as the orchard was full of volunteers. There was apparently a miscommunication. City had provided a schedule of pruning days from CORE to the Washington Tree .

***2022 Tree Adoptions – Kayla W. 91 trees adopted. There are 185 trees available for adoption.**

-# Of renewals- trees are available as not all the adopters from last season renewed their adoption

-# Of new adoptions-50% were new adopters

-CORE to prune list / Kiosk lists 39 trees core will prune. 52 adopters will prune their own trees.

***Social Media** (Facebook, email, suburban times, patch, up neighborhood, other?) re adoptions –Debbie, and Kayla S will sent updates to social media and written media. There was a proposal to inform local colleges. Jill will check into this.

***Tree Signage** – Larry and Barry - 185 signs are being constructed for the adoptable trees. Larry had some technical problems with adhering the letters to wood but through trial and error that has been resolved.

***Adoption Banner/Pruning Banner – Sue - done**

*Orchard Activities

-First Volunteer Pruning Event Recap - Jill stated 17 high school students volunteered in the orchard. Robert and Ian were impressed with the amount of chips the volunteers had spread under the trees. Jill says there is still a supply of chips on the far side of the orchard.

Jill purchased tools for the barn and will send receipt to Sue. She purchased 1 hoe, 5 rakes, and 5 shovels. They will all be painted to identify them as belonging to Orchard.

***Volunteer Pruning Events – Sat, Feb 12 10am-1pm Barry, Larry, Barb and Howard (Debbie, Jill and Sue are not available}**

-Sat, Feb 26 10am-1pm –Debbie and Sue

--Duties for Pruning event- Pruning instruction, volunteer hours, tool check out and signing hour verification of volunteer hours from students when requested.

--Alternate dates and times? On social media there was a request for pruning time in the PM. The group discussed alternative times. 10-1 seems to work for everyone at this time.

- Honor Society needs signatures by CORE that they worked. Any CORE member can sign.

***Concert Update** – Sue will confirm with the City whether the concerts in the Park are approved. The dates of the Concerts would be 7/7,7/21,8/4/ and 8/18. Sue is not here in the summer months. She proposed that

CORE hire Mike Hurwitz. He would be the MC and available for set up plus paying the bands after the concerts. Sue proposed to pay Mike \$30 dollars an hour. Sue is estimating 4 hours per concert. Sue would give her recommendation for the bands to Mike. Our budget is \$1500 for 3 bands. Sue will train him on required paperwork.

***New Member Recruitment – to be discussed**

***Playground discussion-** The City applied unsuccessfully for a grant for a new playground in the orchard. The City plans to reapply for the funds this year. Tony asked if we still support the new playground that CORE send a letter of support to the city. CORE sent a support letter last year.

*Other

Next Meeting: Tues, March 1, 2022