

CORE MINUTES January 5,2021

Zoom Meeting 6:00 pm

Attendees: Ian Sweet, Keiko Boyne, Paul Jeffers, Sue Gurley, Kayla Williams, Rick Mercier, Bill Horn, Larry Warwick, Jill Worthington, Kayla Stewart, Barry Crust, Debbie Klosowski, Kris Docherty

Call to order

Approval of minutes-corrected minutes attached to agenda- approved

Treasurer's Report-Sue \$14,513.34 as of December31, Invoices that need payment for 2020 deadline is January 7th 2021.

Volunteer Hours Administrative /Orchard hours to Kris; December Orchard hours retrieved from the barn but need administrative hours for city

Staff Report-At the last City council meeting a proposal was approved to study the feasibility to divert rainwater to the wetlands due to residential flooding during heavy storms. They will keep us informed but the footprint of the wetland is not anticipated to increase.

Website-

Tree Maintenance

-Tree Height -Darwin- He will work the list of the tallest trees . He will start on January 18th to finish by February.

-Major Pruning – Robert and Ian will be tackling 21 trees. The goal will be completed by end of April. They will start with an approved contract of \$1000. They will work by the hour. Ian and Robert will charge \$65 an hour. Robert will charge \$45 an hour when working without Ian. CORE asked for updates. The contract can be amended at a later date if more hours are needed. Debbie has contacted the city for the necessary approval since the contract exceeds \$500`

Pruning Dates-It was agreed to use dates vs. party. Due to covid-19 we have changed how we handle the pruning dates. There will be no congregating in groups. However, we want to support the adopters with help and information. CORE approved of purchasing 15 orange vests at \$6.00 apiece marked CORE. The adopters can get information on pruning or information about the orchard from CORE member. The vests will be worn on the pruning dates. **February pruning dates are the 6th and 20th.** Several of the CORE indicated that will be in the orchard on the 6th. (Everyone will need to sign in on the logs: CORE, Adopters and Volunteers for the city records) Barry will provide ATV for future branch pick up.

Tree Adoptions – Kayla W

63 Returning adopters # 10 New adoptions

The current adopters list has been sent out to CORE.

Tree Tags white– Kris / Larry they will be working on the tags when the adopter list is available. We have 59 blank tags. Majority of the trees have white tags.

Personalized Tree signs- Barry has done 5 signs and has received 3 additional requests to date.

Draft Email to Adopters –Changes to email: cancel Insect class held in orchard and the Mason Bee class as the later is normally at the UP Library. This is being done due to Covid-19 restrictions on group meetings. Rick Mercier has on his website and Facebook a 20 minute tutorial (video) on Mason Bees. It can be found at

itsallthebuzz.com

Other items;

-Rick was asked to confirm when the dormant oil would be done as due in January.

-Question was asked about the difference between pruner adopter \$45 and orchard supporter \$70. Pruner does tree maintenance and the supporter has CORE do the pruning. Pruner and Supporter adopters are responsible for windfall pick up and thinning of the apples.

Next Zoom mtg. February 2nd