

CORE October 2023 Minutes

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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, Barry Crust, Rich Knowles, Rick Mercier, Tony West (Parks Maintenance Supervisor), Bill Horn (master gardener), Kayla Williams, Kris Docherty

Approval of Minutes September minutes approved with a correction under concert recap regarding adoption applications.

Treasurer's Report -current account balance \$18,096.13 We sold \$76 dollars' worth of jugs. Debbie was reimbursed for cider squeeze expenses. Barry received a reimbursement.

Volunteer Hours – Orchard and Administrative- Kris raised a concern we have more orchard hours than it shows on the sign in sheets. For L&I coverage that the city pays for requires sign in sheets. Claiming the hours, you worked at a meeting without a sign in sheet does not count. September hours by sign in sheet was 38.5 hours. 10 additional hours were claimed at meeting. Orchard hours are important and reportable to Debbie Sage for Tree City benefits which would be 46.5 hours for September. We talked about the difference between administrative hours and orchard hours. Administrative hour is for working on orchard business away from the orchard. Orchard hours are activities such as trimming trees, picking up windfalls and other such activities in the orchard.

Staff Report- Tony -Vandalism to horse and irrigation Barry and Suzie have been working on cleaning up the horse after the sculpture was plummeted with windfall apples. Barry says the coating is coming off which Tony says is a wax. It was vandalized with apples twice. Third time the irrigation tubing on Barry's tree and a neighboring tree was pulled up. Tony indicated that the city has contracted for maintenance of sculptures which includes waxing them. Jill informed the High School as to what was happening. It is believed the vandals maybe a younger population. We will keep an eye on the orchard. Barry indicated that the plaque needs to be grouted. Tony will be checking out the irrigation vandalism. The last spray has been done on Saturday the 30th.

Website - no changes

*Orchard Maintenance-review

-Spray Update - Rick-The last spray for the current year was completed last week. Tony was asked when does the current spray contract end. He believes the contracts are made for two years with the possible extension up to 5 years. He will check it out and get back to us.

-Windfall/Gleaner update- Jill states the transition students have been helping removing windfalls. They are expected tomorrow. She was able to recruit students with mother to help with the pickers during the home school tour. Rich says NW Corner has not been cleaned. There are issues on the far part of the park where his tree is located. Jill will check the orchard after her last tour to see about windfall amounts and volume of apples on the trees. Debbie will determine what needs to be done with the information. Gleaners or work parties

-Broken Tree branches- Debbie cut down a broken limb that broke due to lack of thinning with help from the adopter. There was a conversation about the need to have core support in attendance to help new adopters learn how to thin. Last year core was not in the orchard on the thinning date. Our website has instructions. Some of us can relate to being visual and being hands on learners.

***Tours UPDATE-** The sheer number of cars observed at the orchard when Jill is conducting tours is impressive. These are the last weeks of her tours.

*Update/Revision of Adoption Brochures

-dates- 2/3 & 2/17, 3/2 & 3/16 pruning days, (need confirmation the Robert/Ian's availability to help teach or support pruning)

Thinning Date 6/8,

Harvest Day August 25th 10-4,

**-adoption time period apples must be picked by 10-15-24 as result it was suggested that adopter tree period should be stated to be 1/1/24 to 10/15/24*

- Adopter Cider Squeeze August 17th 10-2 (this information available in advance will assist in more participation from adopters)

Our goal in scheduling was to avoid scheduling activities on community activities such as Duck Daze and National night out.

***Tree Adoption Process review – Kayla W**

Instructions regarding Gmail access will be given to Kayla S, and Debbie

Reviewed the adoption process for next year's brochure to be presented to the group for feedback upon completion from input.

Fees will remain the same for the next year.

***Barn clean up**-Monty and Debbie-proposed to do this 10/12 & 13th.

***Barn Repairs**-Monty and Rich- they assessed repairs and obtained an estimate for the cost. Core approved their estimate of \$860- to \$1140 not to exceed \$ 1200.

***Sign updating help**-Barry needs help with prep work on the signs for the coming year such as sanding, applying protective coating, removing name plates, along with changing what is used to hang the signs to plastic clothes line. Barry has put a sign on every tree in the orchard. He needs 5 volunteers. Several members volunteered to help him.

***501C3**- After a brief discussion we decided not to pursue this due to potential issues with liability, insurance costs and limited number of volunteers on CORE board. As one of the last volunteer groups our help is invaluable with only 2 city Park employees.

***Other**- Barry received an application and \$90 in cash as a donation. Any cash contributions or adoption fees should be given to Kayla.

-Historical Society wants to attend our meetings. They will contact Debbie

-Question will we be doing height reduction next year? Debbie has it on her list.

***Future Topics**

--PowerPoint Revision for website -to be determined

-pruning

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 6pm-8pm