

CORE Minutes
Tuesday, Dec 6, 2022
Potluck at Debbie's House – 6pm

Core attendees: Larry Warwick, Rick Mercier +1, Bill Horn +1, Debbie Klosowski, Kris Docherty

Approval of Minutes-November approved

Treasurer's Report – Our current balance is \$16,308.36 The cost of one spray was taken off as missed this season.

Addition to meeting: all outstanding expenses need to be to Sue ASAP as the 2022 deadline for the city is January 6, 2023

Volunteer Hours – Orchard 27.5 and Administrative 8

Staff Report- City will do 2 signs for Helping Preserve the Orchard. In previous meetings they were referred to as Park Etiquette signs. They will forward a draft of the sign to CORE for review/input.

Orchard Maintenance

-Tree Survey (see attached)/Darwin quote – Darwin not interested at this time. Debbie will be doing an orchard walk through on Saturday 10th at 1:00. Debbie welcomes members to accompany her in assessing trees height and identifying any other tree issues. This is in preparation for interviewing arborist for pruning services. Any selections for a contractor to provide pruning services will need CORE approval.

-Sprays/Irrigation Update - City assessment is that there is adequate water capacity in the well. The replacement of the system would be expensive. The City has budgeted \$25,000 to go towards irrigation improvement and asked CORE for their suggestion on where to focus the funds.

CORE response: Core indicated the priority should be given to the high density fenced in area, the Curran Sign espalier and the Belgium fence near the barn since these espaliers do not have extensive root systems. The two upper quadrants of the orchard (Rows 9-17 and 22-30 especially Row 26) should also be examined.

The playground proposal looks promising so far. If obtained, the grant would provide a permanent bathroom which could also lead to a future additional water source.

- Update Pruning Banner – Sue will be asked to get the pruning banner updated.
- Insect Traps-already ordered

Tree Adoptions 2023

- Brochures – Kayla -remind by email that application for renewal or new tree out.
- Night Harvest Class – Thurs, Jan 26 at 6:30pm-8:30pm Location University Place Cafeteria
- Debbie will do press releases after December

Website Updates to be done by Lori

Volunteer Recruitment

- Volunteer Flier was attached- discussion tabled

Concerts -Sue

Park Etiquette Sign – (see above staff report)

Other- Group discussion on a proposal to reinstating Zoom meetings with one in-person meeting once a month.

Next Meeting: Tues, January 3rd New Location will be 2nd floor of City Hall with internet access. Tony West will be organizer for Micro Soft team meetings which is like Zoom. It will allow participation for those that cannot attend in person.