

CORE July Minutes
Tuesday, July 2, 2024
6pm -8pm

UP Civic Building – 2nd floor Conference Room
3609 Market Place W – take elevator up to 2nd floor

Attendees: Kayla Williams, Tony West, Barry Crust, Bill Horn, Rich Knowles, Monty Stranski Debbie Klosowski, Kris Docherty

Approval of Minutes June minutes were approved

Treasurer's Report Balance of \$12,314.42 through June 30.

Volunteer Hours – Orchard volunteer hours for June was 48.2 hours

Staff Report- Tony 2 Concert banners are posted at the designated sites. Irrigation is working. We are Checking irrigation on regular basis. There was a spray last Friday June 28th.

Website - Debbie -The fixes regarding the Cider Squeeze have been done. Lack of 2024 minutes have been resolved. All minutes have been submitted.

Old Business

***Orchard Maintenance**

-Insect Update - Debbie will be sending a report later this week on the status of insects. Last report was a good one.

-Sprays - Tony gave an update

-Thinning Update- High Density is done by Monty and Debbie. It needs weeding and some trimming. New blooms are visible. However, the apples from new blooms will not be ready by adopter squeeze.

-Branch Pick up- most sites done except a pile on Rock Road.

-Window replacement- windows arrived but need to be painted. The Team working on the barn will need to color match Parker paint through Sherman and Williams who has obtained Parker paint.

-Rootstock Order – Bill pointed out that starting from grafted root stock would only be 1 ft tall. By purchasing 3-year-old dwarf trees These trees will in 4 years develop fruit. July is when new trees need to be ordered from Raintree. After considering this new information, CORE decided to get:

--2 rootstocks for grafting Kings scion wood onto dwarf root stock m-26. (rootstock available 1st of March)

--Order 2 Dologo Crabapple (as a pollinators), 1 William's Pride, and 1 Wynoochee Early.

Bill confirmed that the Peninsula Fruit Club's Fall Show which is a source for rootstock and grafting support is scheduled for October 26th. There is another show in March when the Kings will be developed enough to be ready for grafting.

***Tree Adoptions – Kayla W.** The adoptions are up to **139** which includes a new adopter who mistakenly sent in a pruning adoption amount after the April 30 deadline. Kayla will contact the new applicant. All adoptions are now at the \$70 level until July 30th. Making a difference foundation of Seattle adopted 6 golden delicious. We need more clarification on their intent. Do they intend to pick apples, and pick up windfalls? If they have no local support, we will tape the trees to save their apples from being picked by the community. Kayla will get clarification. Debbie asked for an updated list of adopters for two Kiosks.

***Concerts – Sue**

-Banners – are up

-Pr- Debbie has sent information about the concerts to Suburban Times, Bridgeport Neighbor and UP City

-Who will attend? Brochures and Donation Jar?- Barry, Kris

July 18, July 25, Aug 1, Aug 8, Aug 15- 6:30

***Adopter Cider Squeeze – Monty and Rich's hand out was distributed and reviewed in preparation for the Squeeze**

-Press Update – 6 committed (3 are ours) Week before will be training on the use of presses and cleaning.

-Number of slots- 1 slot per tree adopted. 2 trees two slots. 30 pressed / 3hours last year.

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-Volunteers – Jill will manage the scheduling . We can start scheduling any time. Jill will have 4 slot per hours. If Adopters have not picked their 2 bags of apples a head of time , they will be told to tell come an hour early. A map of the steps a participant will need to follow to get ready to press their apples.

-Jugs – Debbie purchased, need more gloves.

-High Density picking and bagging on the 16th at 9:00 AM. We will need to screen the apples before bagging. Last year the quality was poor but they were already bagged. Apples will come down in wheel barrels several people will review them then bag. These bags can be used by adopters who have no apples or their apples are not ripe such as the golden delicious .

-Gleaners – Jessica/Rick will contact Jessica? For trees taped and not ready to pick the deadline for picking is the end of September after tours end.

-Taping- Emails adopters to tape if they want to pick their apples.

-bags- Barry will check for bags in the barn. We do not want to pay for bags check for donations.

-need more hoses- Tony says no problem

*Community Harvest Day – Sunday, Aug 25 10am to 4pm

-who can provide coverage to answer questions? What material did we learn from last year that will be helpful when answering questions. Maps of the orchard and application for adoptions are needed. This an opportunity to recruit volunteers. We need a clip board to get their names and contact information for those individuals that want to volunteer. Our fall activities are picking up windfalls, weeding, mulch adding after Oct 1 tape removal and helping Barry with removing and replacing signs. Some activities may need supervision with tools or buckets. Monty, Debbie, Kris will be attending Harvest Days. Last Year community donated money. Do we need any documentation or receipts?

UP Historical Society may open the Curran House during this activity.

*Other To be discussed accepting applications and adoption moneys at the Community Harvest Days. We would need to inform them that no assignment for new adopter till January. This discussion is still pending.

-For August meeting be prepare to review both Adopter Squeeze and Community Harvest Day

-Review Adoption Brochure for September meeting along with feed back on the squeeze and harvest day.

**Next Meeting: Changed meeting day to Wednesday, August 7th as August 6th is
Night out.**