

CORE Minutes April 4,2023

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UP Civic Building 3609 Market Place W– 2nd floor Conference Room

Attendees: Tony West(Parks Maintenance Supervisor), Larry Warwick, Bill Horn, Kayla Williams, Sidney Hennessy, Sue, Gurley, Monty Stranski, Barry Crust , Debbie Klosowski, Bill Horn(Master gardener)Kris Docherty

Approval of Minutes- March Minutes were approved.

Treasurer’s Report -\$17,884.15 our account balance, \$5590 adoption funds no other expenditures for this period. Robert and Ian will be submitting their contract shortly.

Volunteer Hours – Orchard hrs. 167.0 , Administrative hours 10 and meeting hours 16.0

Staff Report- Tony Irrigation Update, other - Lori has submitted a new QR code which has been successfully tested.

The New code will be added to the signs using stickers. Tony gave an update on the status of the ROC grant application. for State funds. It was denied. University Place is ranked as a 4th alternate for current budget cycle. This was the grant that would fund a playground, disability parking , pathways , fencing and restroom. The City Budget requests of \$25,000 for the irrigation and \$25,000 for fencing was approved. The irrigation project will be completed by the end of April. The work will not interfere with visits to the park by the public. Tony’s crew will be working on trees bordering Rock Road. Fencing will be done later depending on availability of staff time. The city is reviewing what activities are being done by volunteer groups so Tony asked for a list of volunteer contributions to the orchard . To fill in a couple of blanks on the list, tour numbers for last year where 29 tours, which included 521 children and 240 adults. Tony explained possible delays in response time from Park staff. Tony added that there are only 2.8 staff dedicated to park maintenance. Staff has been reduced by 42% while usage for parks as increased 217%. There has been an increase in acreage the park staff from 56 acres in 2007 to 130 acres in 2022 . CORE appreciates what Park staff provides us.

Orchard Maintenance

-Pruning Recap – Debbie provided a map of the remaining branch location. Pruning has been completed for this season except for Robert and Ian contract. We discussed at last meeting an option of finding a volunteer group that would accept a donation for moving branches for pickup. Per State RCW regarding donations, we are limited to 1/3 of the services provided along with a signed contract with the city. Debbie using the construction labor hourly of \$44 an hour for 6 workers for 4 hours would be \$1560 . 1/3 of \$1560 would be \$350. This figure is the amount allowed for a donation. CORE approved to donate \$350 dollars to a volunteer group for moving the branches to the designated site for pickup.(4 hours 6 individuals). Tony will work on a contract template which is required for a volunteer group to receive a donation. Sue volunteered to work with Tony.

-Spray Update - 2 sprays(January and February) have been done. The next one will be in May after Bees are removed. 7000 bees have been placed in the Orchard.

-Insect Class/tool sharpening – Class scheduled conducted by Bill Horn on Saturday May 6 9 -10:30 Kayla will notify adopters of the schedule from 9-10am - time to be confirmed. Volunteers: Larry, Barry, Kris, Jill(if she is feeling better) Debbie will ask Jill to notify HS. Bill will be at Barn at quarter 9- setting up and check on supplies. Debbie asked Bill if he could be available for some basic instructions in her absence. We should make sure there are gloves available. Bill suggested we have WD 40 in addition to gloves for preparing the apples. Plan is as follows.

Hang insect traps on the 16 test trees:

Row 1-2	11-4	24-5	30-3
3-1	14-3	25-2	32-7
4-4	15-1	26-5	33-1
7-6	17-5	27-2	36-3

Each tree should receive: 2 codling moth traps and lures (need wire or twisties)
4 red sticky apples – check to see if assembled.

Extra volunteers can help with branches and spread mulch.

Tree Adoptions 2023

-Update on Adoptions – Kayla W. 104 adoptions. Recently added two additional adopters. The adoption fees changed at the end of March from \$45 to \$70. Any new adoptions till end of July will be \$70. Kayla is providing a current list for sign to be made to Barry. In addition, she has made a map of available trees for adoption.

-Tree Signs- Barry -He was current but has several new signs to make.

Concerts – Core approved the summer dates for 5 concerts and \$2000 total for payment to 4 bands. The dates will be July 6th, July 20th, August 3rd, August 17th, and August 31(Army Jazz Band-no cost). Sue will be working again this year with Mark Hurwitz in band selection, contracts, and MC duties. Mark will handle the advertising of the chosen Bands. Debbie would like Mark to inform us with his advertising plan and choices. We need to add the advertising of the concerts to our website. Sue will do the updates of the concert and squeeze banners.

Other Question: When does the mowing of the orchard start? The mowing contract started April 1st. There has been no mowing to date. If there is a delay in getting volunteers it might be helpful to move the branches off the grass

June: Bring specific ideas regarding updating the “How to Prune” PowerPoint on our website!

Next Meeting: Tues, June 6, 2023. May 2nd meeting cancelled unless an agenda item needing immediate action is needed.