

## CORE September Minutes

Tuesday, Sept 3, 2024

UP Civic Building – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Conference Room

3609 Market Place W – take elevator up to 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

**Attendees:** Barry Crust, Rich Knowles, Sue Gurley, Debbie Klosowski, Monty Stranski, Rick Mercier, Tony West (city operation manager), Kris Docherty

*I apologize for anyone unable to attend virtually due to meeting id # being incorrect.*

**Treasurer's Report** -Nothing to report as Finance contact person unavailable

Volunteer Hours – Orchard 485.5 and Administrative

**Staff Report-** Tony states last insecticide spray was done on August 30<sup>th</sup>. The last spray Anthracnose will be sprayed between September and October. Debbie asked that Tony check with Jill regarding the dates of her last tours when coordinating spray dates. During the Cider Squeeze Debbie pointed out that Suzy's help was appreciated.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### **Cider Squeeze Recap- Everyone**

What went well, suggestions for future?

##### **--High Density harvest**

- Debbie felt it went well with adequate number of volunteers
- removing obvious bad apples helped the final barn screening
- barn screening was helped by the Mormon Missionaries
- problem after screening there were only 30 bags for adopters or for sale
- apple maggots and codling moths eliminated a lot of the apples

##### **Group discussions as to what might help**

- add insect monitoring for this area
- continue spraying these apples but make sure sprays are timely
- thinning is important activity recommend asking Reggie Fennel if he can help
- weeding may be drawing water away from the trees so need to find volunteers to help weed
- crowding of the trees may affect the development of apples
- information about the trees that are in the high-density area
- historically the apple quality has been poor but has been attributed to lack of effective spraying
- need to research supplemental insect treatments in addition to the spraying such as organic options

##### **Squeeze**

- great job Rich and Monty
- adequate number of volunteers but can't do with less
- learned to assign volunteers a task next year Moving the mash needed assigned volunteer
  - \*Jessica collected 962 lbs. of mash which was delivered to Farmer Ed.
- presses were not idle but 6 presses were too much
- it was slow getting started
- flow worked out well
- check in table could be placed across entry road rather than on the side. We may need info person and Check in workers
- Hoses were a great help which was aided with new location. Water was able to flow downhill.
- clean up went well
- pressers appreciated their lunches
- need for next year more containers and pitchers all matching.
- needed clarification from the city regarding liability when homemade presses do not have guards on the chains to prevent injuries. It is a City Park.
- there was positive feedback from the HS student that earned a free tree. He hopes it is offered again.

- reimbursements submit form attach receipts and sign form
- no money was made at this event received. We did get \$267 for sale of jugs and apples

### **Community Harvest Day- Recap**

-Some of the goals other than giving the community the opportunity to pick apples was to get the names and contact information of individuals will to volunteer. A handout was developed and posted of what volunteers can do for the orchard by seasons. This will be added to the website. The other goal was to get individuals names and contact information for those interested in becoming adopters. With the effort of several members 60 names were obtained. Due to changes in adoption fees and application procedures, we had no applications to hand out. Kayla Stewart will compile a list of volunteers and those interested in adoptions. She will send out information to those interested in volunteering. The people interested in adoptions will be sent to Kayla Williams to inform them adoptions are now available for 2025 season.

There is a need for additional pole pickers on Harvest Day. We had 4 available. Core approved the purchase of 5 additional pole pickers. The group discussed concerns about how to assure we do not lose these pickers.

--**TOUR Updates** -Jill is out of town

--**GLEANERS**-Jessica Update gleaners will start next week on the untaped trees.

### **New Business**

#### **-2025 Adoptions procedural changes were-discussed**

-Renewal date for adopters has changed to November 1. Application and adoption fees **must** have been processed by that date. A renewal letter will be mailed out late September early October. Payment and application will be sent to the city. The city finance department will deposit checks within 24 hours, scan adoption form and check, and send a PDF to Kayla, and Debbie . If they have not heard from Kayla in 10 days from when they mailed their check and application, Kayla should be contacted. We are instigating a new procedure, which has adopter responsible for assuring they get they had or get a tree for new adopters.

Pruning adoptions fees are now **\$50**. (January to March 31) Orchard Supporter/gift \$80( January to July31)

Our PO Box has been closed.

Misidentification of trees has been noticed by several core members. Debbie asked that Monty and Robert Sweet to compare first the master tree map to what our current maps say. There might have been an error creating the map Kayla is using. The next action is to check the trees in question. Kayla needs this information before she starts assigning trees.

--**Tree Signs**- 188 trees with signs Barry asked when to take down signs. How to hang the signs is still pending so signs are visible. Under the new adoption procedures, Kayla will cc Barry when she sends letter to the adopter with their assigned tree. In terms of the time frame. Sept 15 a letter will be sent to current adopters informing of the new adoption period. If they want to keep their tree or have a new one application and payment due by November 1<sup>st</sup>. Barry could be receiving notification from when adopters respond starting in October.

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**\*Concert Recap** –Great Job Sue and Mark in band selection. And MC duties The bands appealed to a variety of concert goers. The concerts were well attended. Thanks to Barry for manning an information booth. Only initial problem was no porta potty in lower orchard but was remedied by second concert.

Others:

Monty asked who the recipients of meeting minutes and the monthly agenda are. My initial directions were to include people who have retired from CORE or attendees of our meetings. This is done to encourage participation when it is right time for them. In the past, I have had volunteers who were active when they see our events being planned such as the cider squeeze. I do periodically send a message to the group asking if they would like to be dropped from the list. I did this a couple months ago with no response. I have more people on my list than I use. Rich suggested seeing who is reading the minutes.

FYI Debbie unavailable September 23 through October 16. Jill will be chairing the meeting October 1st

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 1, 2024, 6pm-8pm