

CORE April Minutes

Tuesday April 2, 2024

UP Civic Building – 2nd floor Conference Room

3609 Market Place W – take elevator up to 2nd floor

Attendees: Debbie Klosowski, Rick Mercier(Bee Keeper), Bill Horn(Master gardener), Rich Knowles, Barry Crust, Sue Gurley, Kayla Williams, Tony West(Operations Manager), Kris Docherty

Approval/ feedback for Last month Minutes- March approved with name correction.

Treasurer's Report - current Balance unavailable. Balance through 2/29/24 \$13,773.53. Debbie will check with Robert and Ian to see if their bill has been submitted for pruning out of control trees.

Volunteer Hours 253.5 orchard hours for March

Staff Report- Finally drip rings that were needed to complete the irrigation project arrived. They were out of stock for several weeks. The final three rows of trees will be schedule as soon as possible to be completed this spring. Tony said public was welcome at the April 11th Public Hearing on the use of the gravel lot next to the skate park at Cirque Park. It will be 6-8pm. Four options will be presented first then discussion will follow. April 12 will be the ceremonial groundbreaking for the all-inclusive play area at cirque Park.

Park Appreciation Day sponsored by UP Refuse is Sat. April 20 9-noon. The tasks for the volunteers will be branch pick up, mulching, and weeding. Debbie will do an email to adopters for help pruning limbs hanging in the way of mowers on Park Appreciation Day (April 20th) Mulch piles will be available in several locations in the park for Park Appreciation Day.

Question what is the source of the chips that the city provides the orchard. Tree services companies provide the chips to the city.

Spray was done in March. The next one will be done in May after the Bees are removed.

In prep for Park Appreciation Day, the dumpsters need to be emptied.

After Parks Appreciation Day, Barry will put out for trash pickup ½ of last year's white tarps cleverly created by Barry. He purchased 2 dozen tarps from Costco.

Website - no changes

***Orchard Maintenance**

-Robert/Ian Sweet Pruning should be completed. Robert noticed limbs hanging into the mowing lanes. As a result, He will come on Park Appreciation Day to prune the limbs. As stated above we will ask adopters to come to help with limb pruning.

-tree updates-tabled

Tree Adoption Updates -Kayla

-Revised Adoption List-will be provided in a size to be put in the 2 kiosks for Debbie by Wednesday evening.

-Adopter check Discrepancies- Time was spent reviewing payment received by Kayla and those showing as received by the City University Place. There has been checks for adoptions being mailed but not received by Kayla or the city. As a result, one of our long-time adopters of a MAC tree 10-4 was adopted by another family. The family worked on the tree pruning and mulching the tree. The original adopter wants to have it back next year. Core agreed to return the tree next year to the long-time adopter whose check was lost in the mail. We will inform the new adopter that we will give them another tree free next year. We will contact them to explain the problem and the offer as soon as possible. Lost checks have been an issue this year.

-Wedding tree has arrived and will be picked up. Jackson and the groom met to iron out each person's role. The Bride and Groom will plant their tree which is less than 4ft high. Jackson will make sure the irrigation around the tree is working. Since the tree was bought by the adopter, they will not be responsible for paying adoption fees till 2028.

Honey Bee request- Rick

Mason Bees vs Honeybees- Rick put 8000 Bees in the orchard. There was a request from an adopter to put his honeybees near his tree. Debbie passed on his request to Rick to research this request. When introducing live animals there are Health and Pest issues. Honey and Mason Bees are competing for same source of food which might cause the Mason Bees to move out of orchard when food is scarce. It was agreed after his discussion that the orchard would use Mason Bees only.

Spring/Summer Schedule

May-Insect Trap Hanging and apples will be May 11 at 11:00 AM Kayla, Rich, Debbie, and Kris
Traps/Apples- need to be visible 5ft up, outer edge(not interior of the tree)
June- Thinning Sat, June 8th- support/instruction for adopters on that day?
Insect Monitoring (tabled for another meeting)
July- Insect Monitoring- Debbie would assist in the monitoring but would have like some more help this.

Summer Concerts-Sue acknowledged the great job in putting the concert line up together by Mark Hurwitz. They are follows; July 18 – Octopus Ballet (folk and Americana), July 25- Anjali Silva and Sabor (Brazilian and Latin), August 1-Billy Spaulding and the Soulful 88s(blues), August 8-Budapest West (rock and world music), Aug 15- Bigfoot Brass (brass band jazz)

Cider Squeeze – Saturday Aug 17 10-2- Jill volunteered do the scheduling. Tabled

Community Harvest-Sunday August 25th 10-4 Tabled

Other items?-

Barry asked about the status of acknowledging in print and pictures of the students who participated in volunteer hours that earned them a free tree. We had decided since they were minors that we needed approval of their parents or responsible adult. Debbie asked Tony about the City's policy on minors picture being put in city publication. Jill will let us know where their sign in sheets are located. Barry has already taken their picture.

Barry could use some help rehanging sign that are looser. Robert pointed out that if they are too tight as the tree grows, they become part of the tree. In the past that was a problem when trying to remove signs.

Debbie will not be available for the next meeting. Jill will be back next month.

Next meeting: May 7th Tuesday 6pm-8pm