

CORE Minutes- January 3, 2023

UP Civic Building – 2nd floor Conference Room

Attendees: Tony West,(Parks Maintenance Supervisor)Jill Worthington, Larry Warwick, Bill Horn(Master Gardener), Sue Gurley, Rick Mercier, Monty Stranski, Debbie Klosowski, Barry Crust, Jack Ecklund (Director of Engineering and Capital projects), Kris Docherty

Approval of Minutes-December Minutes Approved

Treasurer's Report - \$15,294.63. Sue reminded us that January 6 is the city 's cut off for the 2022 budget. Expenses not submitted to her prior to that date will not be paid.

Volunteer Hours – Orchard hrs. 14.2 and Administrative 20 hrs.

Staff Report- Tony distributed a proof of the proposed the Help Preserve the Park signs. The city asked how many signs would be needed. We settled on 8 signs. They will be 24 x 24 Aluminum composite. They will confirm the locations with CORE after the signs arrive.

City report-Jack Ecklund updated CORE on the amendment to the Curran House Lease regarding the additional parking for Curran Museum. It will be paved to be in compliance with ADA requirements. No apples trees will be lost. The fence line will not be affected.

Correction to December minutes the city allocation of \$25,000 for irrigation maintenance along with \$20,000 for rebuilding has not been approved. It is in the Council budget that will be voted on at the end of the month. Debbie plans to compose a letter from Core supporting the budget request for funds for irrigation maintenance and rebuilding the fence. She would like CORE to review it by end of Wednesday as she is leaving town.

Website: Lori has worked on the website. After reviewing it if anything needs adding or correcting let Debbie know.

Orchard Maintenance-Debbie and Rick help develop a map of the trees that identified what is needed

-Tree Pruning Contract sent out – Family Tree Care (42 trees in Jan for \$2,530)-They will focus on bad spots not entire tree pruning. Their goal is to complete the pruning in January.

-Robert Sweet and Ian proposed a pruning estimate of \$1799 + tax for 3 7hour days but no thick branches. Their written proposal and insurance verification pending for the 17 height reduction trees. Core approved Robert Sweets request.

-Night Pruning Class -Thurs, Jan. 26 630-830pm UP Primary Cafeteria 27th and Grandview Jill volunteered to see if the school has a projector and screen to use in the presentation. Debbie will provide her laptop with the slides on it. Jill taught at UP primary. *After entering the main entrance, you take a long staircase to the bottom. Jill will meet with the school to determine any options if a participant is handicapped and cannot negotiate the stairs. There is a Bus stop at the bottom where the cafeteria is located. Jill is not aware if there is parking in the back. Jill was asked to provide instructions for accessing school for the pruning class. Store bought snacks would be appreciated for the class.*

-Pruning Banner - Sue Gurley will get the sign updated and ask park staff to hang it.

-Spray Schedule -Rick asked when the first January spray would be done. CORE wants to assure it does not happen when the contractor pruners are in the Orchard. Debbie Sage is on leave who is their contact person.

She is due back this week. The city is working with the contractor to improve communication so we get a heads up when the sprays will occur and what is being sprayed. There will be additional posting at Barn when sprays are done. CORE needs to keep Debbie Sage informed of any activities in the orchard to avoid conflicts. Core's main concern was getting advance notice. Weather is a determining factor when sprays will occur. Core understand this.

Tree Adoptions 2023

-Adoptions– Kayla W. There have been 28 readoptions of those 8 will need Core to prune in addition to the 10 donation trees.

-Signs – Kayla will be forwarding to Barry a list of the adopters to date. He does not have any volunteers yet. Jill will be checking with the Curtis High's Community Transition Program contact teacher to see if they could help Barry on Wednesdays. Jill will also contact Curtis HS to put the orchard on their volunteer list.

-Row posts need replacement due to missing or in poor shape focusing on rows starting with 30s.

Larry volunteered to help with putting the posts on the right rows and replacing rotten posts.

Volunteer Recruitment

-Volunteer Flier - Debbie is adding it to the two Kiosks. In addition, she is sending the flier to local outlets. She will ask Kayla Stewart to add it to social media.

Bee Class - Rick 's class is 1/28 10:30-12:30 at UP library. He has enhanced his training.

Concerts - Sue already has a list of people wanting to provide music for our summer concerts. City is willing to provide the support she received last year to select and set up the summer concerts.

Other: Barry purged all the tarps due to poor condition. He created a replacement from a find he found at Habit for Humanity. His find was free. He created 20 replacement tarps to drag branches from under the trees to the dumpsters. They have handle for dragging. CORE thanked Barry for his creativity and time.

Barry voiced concerns that the Park 's main gate has been unlocked several days in a row. Tony said it is the intent that the gate be locked. He noted several contractors have the code. The lock continues to be a problem. The lock itself may be the problem. He may need to replace it.

May 6th will be the day to hang coddling moth traps and apple maggot apples.

Question regarding taped trees with do not pick signs:

It was asked that there be more instructions regarding how to identify trees that the adopters want to pick themselves such as tape size, color, when and what signs should say. We agreed later in the season we will give instructions to help the new adopters. There are do not pick signs in the barn that Bob Bennet made for the orchard. They are on posts so can be put in the ground.

March – City report on Irrigation Proposal-Tony will be presenting a design for the upper orchard to rebuild the drip rings.

Next Meeting: Tues, Feb. 7, 2023