

**CORE June Minutes**  
**Tuesday, June 6, 2023**  
**6pm -8pm**

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Call in 509-342-7253 or attend in person

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

**Attendees:** Larry Warwick, Debbie Klosowski, Sue Gurly, Tony West(Park Maintenance Supervisor), Rick Mercier, Monty Stranski, Ian Sweet, Robert Sweet, Barry Crust

The meeting started with a long time CORE member Larry Warwick resigning from CORE due to family caregiving issues. He turned in his Cider Squeeze Presser 's notebook that he inherited from Sally Barrett. He has supported the Apple Squeeze as the person in charge of getting the presses, operators, supporting them(breaks food vouchers), and the set-up of the presses. In recent years, it has been a challenge staffing our two presses and obtaining additional presses/operators. Last year he contacted 20 operators and only got 4 responses. Last year he and Barry worked at printing names to put on the adopter tree signs. Larry will keep his tree. Additional evidence of his dedication was that it takes him an hour and ½ to get to our meeting and the orchard. Larry has been an absolute joy to work with him. CORE wants to Thank Larry for his dedication and support of the Orchard. Larry will be missed as part of the CORE team.

**Approval of Minutes:** No Minutes to approve as no May meeting.

**Treasurer's Report** -Orchard account has in it \$17,884.15 with two expenses pending website fee, and Robert and Ian bill has not been received (approximately \$1870). They will be sending in their bill this week which was confirmed tonight.

**Volunteer Hours** – Orchard 6.5 for April and 34 hours for May and Administrative hours for April -5 hrs. and May -3 hrs.

**Staff Report-** Tony **Irrigation Update** There was a slower start then hoped. They are working on the upper part of the orchard. The rows 22-27 have been completed and tested. Tony showed us a map of what has been done and what is work in progress. He has supplies to do another section of trees. CORE chose the High-Density section vs the CURRAN sign. The filters are done pending the valve installation, but it does not affect the operation. The installation of all areas will be done on Friday. The **May insecticide spray** was done June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Apple maggots are showing big numbers. Late spraying could have contributed to the increase in numbers. Tony will make sure that the June spray is done even with the Late May spray done on Saturday. Tony said he would consider having the Orchard as a location for **Park Appreciation Day** next year. No decision needs to be made till next February.

**Website** - Updates needed – Debbie has given Lori the concert and squeeze information for her to update website .

#### Orchard Maintenance

-Insect Class/ trap hanging update – Jill said it went very well. After the class 9 of the participants in Bill's insect class helped with the preparation and hanging of the apples and coddling moth traps. Next year we will need to have a sign in sheets for recruitment and City L&I requirements.

-Insect Report – Debbie – Good News there are lots of apples in the orchard. Debbie will be reporting back on insects captured on tanglefoot apples and the coddling moth traps. Her first report identified many apple maggots which hopefully will be reduced by the last spray on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and the additional June spray. By rows here are Debbie's findings: Rows 1-7: 35 apple maggots 2 coddling moths; Rows 11-17: 100 apple maggots 9 coddling moths; Rows 24-27: 59 apple maggots 5 coddling moths; and Rows 30-36: 42 apple maggots 5 coddling moths. She did not survey the high-density area but will do so in the future.

-Spray Update - Rick and Tony confirmed the May spray was not done til June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tony will be making sure we got the 2<sup>nd</sup> insecticide spray schedule for June in June. The untimely spraying may have resulted in the increased numbers of Apple Maggots that Debbie reported on.

-Bee Removal - Rick confirmed that the bees are out of the orchard before the scheduled spraying. He put 7000 plus bees in the orchard. The spring weather helped them be productive. Debbie said based on the amount of apples the bees did their job well. He emphasized the importance of the two insecticide sprays and the timing.

-Thinning – Sat, June 10-We **are not** doing a group activity this year based on the poor attendance. Kayla W has been asked to do an email to the adopters. It will have instructions on why and how to thin. We will put out buckets to help adopters collect their apples. CORE attendance is optional.

Ian- reported that we have a dead tree 29-5 D. No other trees in the orchard in this condition.

### Tree Adoptions 2023

-Update on Adoptions – Kayla W. said to date we have 103 adoptions plus there are 6 gifted trees. It was asked how do the adoption numbers compare with last year?

-Signs - Barry signs are all completed and on the trees.

Concert Updates - Sue reported that there is a great line up for the 2023 Curran Apple Orchard Summer concerts. The concerts will be 6:30 to 8 pm. They are free to the public. The promotions will encourage participants to bring a picnic dinner to the park.

-July 6 Billy Shew Band-country and Jazz/Blues with renown guitar

-July 20 Hook Me Up Band-Variety Vocal and instrumental from nostalgia to current

-August 3 King Kom Beaux- Cajun Style Rock-Swamp Stompin Boogie and Blues

-August 17 FarmStrong-Bluegrass

-August 31 Pacific Beat Jazz Combo (1<sup>st</sup> Army Corp Band)-Jazz

\*CORE approved the sale of water by groups if we are approached. There are no vendors at the concerts nor do we want to take on selling water.

These concerts are sponsored by CORE and City of University Place. No Alcohol in the park. Sue will be contact the UP school district to arrange to use Curtis High School Cafeteria in case of inclement weather.

PowerPoint work group(Debbie, Robert, Monty, and Ian) was established to update the website. Ian pointed out that the current PowerPoint on website was developed to assist as a guide for Robert and Ian to follow during their in person class. The workgroup will review and update the information on the website to make it a better resource for online education. This year's pruning class attendance was very low. Due to the Squeeze being the priority, the work group will postpone the project till fall.

**Cider Squeeze-** A question was proposed to the group. Do we do a full community squeeze or a private squeeze for the adopters only? This question was proposed to the group based on Larry's feedback regarding the difficulty of getting press operators and presses. Debbie asked how many members would be available for supporting and working at the Squeeze. Without enough presses and press operators it will be impossible to do the full cider squeeze. The orchard has only 2 presses. Last year we had a significant reduction in the number of presses available which affected the number of people who were able to press apples. Debbie and Rick will call the names on the list. We will put a request for presses and operators in the local community newspapers. Sue pointed out that we needed to set a deadline for deciding. It

was set for our next meeting schedule for July 11<sup>th</sup>. If we are unable to do a community cider squeeze, we will decide when the public can pick the trees that are not adopted. We did not arrange for the gleaners last year since most of the available apples were picked after the squeeze.

Other: The beginning of August an email and image of an example will be sent to adopters if they want to harvest their own apples. To secure their apples, they will need to tape their tree. The tape should circle the tree. Tape is available at our local hardware stores. Hanging from the tape should be signs in several locations. It should read: DO NOT PICK ADOPTER WILL PICK.

Volunteers need to be recruited.

Bark for under the tree is not available.

Next Meeting: **Tues, July 11,2023** **NOTE: Meeting delayed one week due to the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.**