



Heritage Farm Sustainability Plan Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 24, 2022, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
In-Person and Virtual Meeting Via Webex**

Committee Members: Erik Harrison, Teresa Meyer, Kristine Perry, Rob Freed, Bill Cline, Zorah Oppenheimer, Ila Stanek, Mark Wreath, Marcela Munoz, Tanika Siscoe*, Jazlyn Faulstick*, Cowlitz Tribe member – Tiffani Johnson*

Clark County: Rocky Houston, Lynde Wallick, Erik Harrison, Amy Arnold, Zane Karver, David Stipe

Guests and Other: Clark Worth, Katie Wilson (Koellermeier)*, Justin O’Dea, Candis Ogden

* Not Present

**Webex Recording

The recording that was captured via Webex was not able to be retrieved and will not be posted to the website. Future meetings will be recorded via Microsoft Teams to help resolve this issue.

1:00 PM Welcome

Rocky indicated that this committee is regarding the Master Plan that was adopted in 2020, and the purpose is to formulate a plan to be heard at a Council meeting, hopefully prior to Thanksgiving.

1:03 PM Agenda

Lynde reviewed the Agenda items, noting that she will email links to everyone after the meeting. She indicated when the next meeting is scheduled for and gave instructions for the Tour.

1:05 PM Introductions

Each person gave a brief introduction and shared an item from their bucket list.

Rocky presented the Charter document, informing everyone that we are asking them to sign this, noting that it indicates their Roles & Responsibilities as a committee. Lynde indicated it will be routed to each person via DocuSign for signature, and that in the next meeting they will receive a copy of it with everyone’s signatures on it.

1:32 PM Background Info

Kristine went over the Farm’s history, noting that it was founded to provide relief to the poor and food to local hospitals. She explained how the building have transferred from WSU’s Experiment station to Clark County, to a WSU Extension site.

Zane discussed the 78th Street Heritage Farm Current Uses map showing where each section of the farm is located on the map. He indicated about forty (40) tons of produce was donated to the Food Bank.

Rob, Zane, Rocky and Kristine discussed the amount of produce that's been obtained; Kristine mentioned the Heritage Farm Advisory Team has more information on this. Lynde indicated she would obtain this information and forward it along to everyone.

Justin O'Dea gave a brief introduction of himself informing them he manages one of the largest acreage plots on the farm with the least number of staff. He reviewed the WSU Research Background PowerPoint presentation (slide number 10 and 11) listing the cover crops projects they added, the produce they have grown, what they're growing now, and how they've sold seed versus produce because it has a high need. Justin also explained the importance of cover crops and Kristine said every quarter there's a report about this. Marcela asked questions about the raspberries and Justin answered.

Lynde gave a brief history of the committee's Master Plan indicating the goals are to focus on financial sustainability and to increase public access to the site. She went over the timeline, indicating that the second meeting will be on November 7, 2022 and an Open House will occur in mid-December, with plans to finish this committee by Summer of 2023. Once recommendations have been made, we will take the Plan to Council for final adoption.

Ila had questions about the number of parks that are financially viable. Rocky and committee members discussed the funding streams and ideas to generate revenue.

Zorah asked when the public Open House meeting will be and Lynde answered. Zorah also asked what the goal of the committee's involvement is. Lynde answered that we want to use their recommendations to present to Council for adoption. Clark further explained that the Open House will give us a chance to broaden the discussion in the community.

Zorah asked questions about the Charter. She asked if the County had drafted any of the documents and what the basis of the Charter's purpose was. Lynde indicated that no plan had been drafted and the direction Parks received from the Council is included in the homework videos provided.

Kristine suggested having representatives from each organization come and give brief introductions and possibly offer tours to help obtain a fuller picture. Ila is in support of this. Zorah suggested we should add in if the farm has community value. Rob indicated that Sandy Brown has this information; that she's gathering the dollar value, the products being produced, and the volunteer hours in terms of average cost per house. Erik indicated he has information to share regarding this and will send it to Lynde for distribution.

County Update – Sandra Brown from the Heritage Farm Advisory Team will provide a presentation on farm partners at the next meeting. Additionally, farm partners will be invited to Open House number one (1) to set up presentation boards/information stations to answer questions from the committee members and the public.

Rob asked if we have access to the surveys and information gathered at the public meetings that were held within the last ten (10) years. Lynde indicated those are summarized within the Master Plan reports, and Rocky agreed that we should have this information.

2:15 PM Homework & Next Steps

Lynde informed everyone that she uploaded the documents to the Dropbox site so they can access them, but that she will also email the documents to everyone. She said there are some videos of council

meetings to review as well. She went over the PowerPoint presentation, slide number 13, listing off the homework items. She asked them to familiarize themselves with the buildings on the property. Zorah asked if the budget was in the homework. Rocky indicated it is not yet, but it will be in the future.

Lynde informed them we are trying to schedule our next meeting for November 7, 2022 and the December meeting between 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. She said she will send an invite for the November 7th meeting after today's meeting, and an invite for the December meeting once it's finalized. She suggested the committee members take this information back to their organizations to share it; that they are the liaison between their group and us. Lynde also indicated that an Agenda will be distributed prior to the next meeting so they know what topics to discuss.

2:24 PM Tour

3:00 PM Adjourn

Submitted by Amy Arnold, Secretary