

<b>Meeting Date:</b> January 23, 2020 4:00 – 5:30 pm	<h2 style="margin: 0;">Heritage Farm Advisory Board Meeting</h2> <h3 style="margin: 0;">Clark County Parks &amp; Lands Division</h3>
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<b>INVITED:</b>	<p>Galina Burley, Chris Walker, Jacqueline Kamp, Joe Zimmerman, Kevin Tyler, Laura Hoggatt, Pat Lee, Bill Zimmerman, Gary Garth, Kathleen Perillo, Kirk Gresham, Robert Freed, Sandy Brown, Blair Wolfley, Doug Ballou, Marc Boldt, Emily Kaleel, Alan Hamilton, Doug Stienbarger, Justin O’Dea, Nancy Funk, Robert Goughnor, Lindsey Shafar, Shawn Hennessee, Ahmad Qayoumi, Nancy Funk, Judi Bailey, Marilee McCall, Michelle Murie</p> <p><b>Farm Neighbors:</b> <i>Tracy Pax, Lisa Bayautet, Sharon Kenoski, Curtis Knopp, Linda Nutter, Robin Summers, Julie Bruning</i></p>
<b>ATTENDED:</b>	<p><b>Clark County Public Works:</b> Pat Lee, Kevin Tyler, Galina Burley, Chris Walker, Laura Hoggatt, Joe Zimmerman, Sharon Lumbantobing, Magan Reed</p> <p><b>Heritage Farm Advisory Board:</b> Gary Garth, Kirk Gresham, Robert Freed, Sandy Brown</p> <p><b>Friends of Heritage Farm (*):</b> Blair Wolfley</p> <p><b>Clark County Food Bank:</b> Emily Kaleel</p> <p><b>WSU Extension:</b> Doug Stienbarger</p> <p><b>Guests:</b> Bill Drummond, Linda Nutter, Michael Jewell, William Smith, Julie Bruning, Sharon Kenoski, Julie Genz, Ann Foster, Holly Hansen, Curtis Knopp, Cami Ferguson, Jen Starck, Robin Summers, Heather Tischbein, Barbara Anderson, Julian Levi</p>

## MEETING MINUTES

**Meeting called to order by Pat Lee at 4:05 pm**

- 1) Additions to the Agenda - None**
- 2) Public Comments**
  - a) Public would like to know, based on the Jan 8<sup>th</sup> work session, what the total budget of Heritage Farm is general fund. Is it 564k or is it 346k? Galina answered that the totality is approximately 500k and handed out comment cards so people can write down revenue generating ideas
  - b) Public would like to know where the revenue from existing services goes? The graph provided at the work session is very confusing. Kevin answered that the revenue goes into the general fund and coding is used to know it came from Heritage Farm. The public would like to know what the bottom line is and what needs to be offset. WSU has an interagency agreement of 310k and an in-kind agreement that provides IT support, offices, utilities. Council is not specifying a specific dollar amount – they are just looking at ways to sustain the farm.
  - c) Public would like to know how to move forward when there is no dollar amount. Galina is involved in a deep dive for Parks which will include expenses, past history and steady allocation.
  - d) Public wants to know why the Master Plan has not been adopted as it was recommended by the Planning Commission seven months ago and 15k was spent for Gene Akers to update the plan.
  - e) Trail - where is it? Not having the trail or not allowing access to the farm makes it harder to get grants. Could make the trail part of the regional park system and have parks pay for it
  - f) Talk of moving the community gardens, the public owns the property as taxpayers and the Master Plan needs to be accepted, does not want any portion of it leased off, the business plan is not good

- g) Public, again, would like the Master Plan approved – cannot move forward or get anything done until this happens
- h) Public commented that the farm will never be self-sustaining and it is a public asset for the good of the community, everyone benefits from it and it stresses the importance of food education
- i) Public would like the councilors to give thoughtful consideration of the population – children should be educated about where food comes from
- j) Most of the county doesn't know about the farm – there should be a public outreach campaign – open the farm up on certain days to get the public involved
- k) Public wants to know why there isn't anything advertised for spaces to rent?
- l) There should be more public involvement, introduce more native plants, more trees – the farm is a wildlife refuge

### **3) Approval of November 21, 2019 Farm Advisory Meeting Minutes**

- a) Moved by Kirk Gresham, seconded by Sandy Brown – Minutes Approved

### **4) Farm Operations Report**

- a) Joe reported the well will be operating in a couple weeks.
- b) Joe has been doing a lot of clean-up
- c) Clean Water has received partial funding (132k centennial grant) for the restoration of Cougar Creek – this may only go to the design stage

### **5) Proposals for Use of the Farm (Report from Farm Advisory Committee)**

- a) Unofficial proposal – husband and wife building honey and mason bee hives that may be advantageous to the farm/community gardens – they are asking for space for the hives so they can research the design – they are working with the beekeeper association so this may merge with them
- b) Master Gardeners would like space for natural plant propagation – they would like to grow plants on the farm and then move then to Lamas Prairie Natural Area – Kathleen Perillo is a native species expert and will be reviewing this proposal

### **6) Identify agenda items for next meeting**

- a) Review alignment of Hazel Dell Park boundary – how was this decided? This was a good move for the park but bad for the farm. Why not the west side? The farm did not want to give up the property to the north and the alignment happened when the farm went back to the county – talk about fee for Hazel Dell Park – Galina mentioned the parks are for everyone and they will be looking at the PROS plan this year to define levels of service and what constitutes a park
- b) Public/Private Partnership – what is the money for? Is it for the foundation, farm or county? Could save money with non-profits but lines have to be very clear

### **7) Master Plan Update**

- a) Work session Jan 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am – staff provided overview of 2010 and 2019 proposals – discussion about budget and sustainability – councilors are looking at how to move forward and collect information – staff will look at management and income for the farm and present back to council
- b) Work session February 19<sup>th</sup> – no time set yet but this is when the Master Plan will be unpacked and reviewed
- c) Heritage Farm discussed at council time on January 15<sup>th</sup> – minute 50:45 – people are encouraged to listen to this as it was well put together and had a positive tone – council is showing they are interested
- d) Farm Advisory Board and Parks Advisory Board want to keep an interface – there is a parks advisory board meeting on Feb 11<sup>th</sup> at 4pm in conference center B-1

- e) Galina appreciates all the public support as it is very critical
- f) Heritage Farm Advisory Board has some ideas for generating revenue – they include:
  - i) Increase in lease rates
  - ii) Fees that go beyond basic service (to off-set Joe’s hours and equipment rent)
  - iii) Increase number of community gardens and raise price as they are year-round
  - iv) Charge for meeting rooms
  - v) Add event fees
  - vi) Special Events/Corporate Sponsorships
  - vii) Guided tours with special themes
  - viii) Mentoring projects
  - ix) Update website to include donation feature
  - x) Public/Private partnerships
  - xi) Social Media Awareness

**Meeting Adjourned at 5:10 pm**

**NEXT MEETING:**



**Date:** March 26, 2020  
**Time:** 4:00 pm to 5:30pm  
**Location:** Luke Jensen Sports Complex

**LOOKING AHEAD – UPCOMING MEETING DATES:**

**a) March 26, 2020**

*I. Luke Jensen Sports Center, Bud Van Cleve Community Room*

**b) May 28, 2020**

*I. Luke Jensen Sports Center, Bud Van Cleve Community Room*

**c) July 23, 2020**

*I. Luke Jensen Sports Center, Bud Van Cleve Community Room*

**d) September 24, 2020**

*I. Luke Jensen Sports Center, Bud Van Cleve Community Room*

**e) November 19, 2020**

*I. Luke Jensen Sports Center, Bud Van Cleve Community Room*



**Time:** 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

**Locations:** Luke Jensen Sports Complex / Bud Van Cleve Community Room

4000 NE 78<sup>th</sup> Street, Vancouver, WA 98665

OR

Public Works Operations Center – 78<sup>th</sup> Street Conference Room B-1

4700 NE 78<sup>th</sup> Street, Vancouver, WA 98665