



# Heritage Farm Advisory Team Draft Meeting Minutes



Thursday, January 21, 2021 4:00pm to 5:30 pm  
Virtual Meeting Via WebEx

**Advisory Committee:** Sandy Brown, Kirk Gresham, Gary Garth\*, Rob Freed, Kathleen Perillo\*, Bill Zimmerman\*

**Clark County Food Bank:** Alan Hamilton\*, Emily Kaleel\*, Henry Rogatz\*

**WSU Extension:** Kristine Perry\*, Justin O’Dea, Nancy Funk, Robert Goughnor\*

**Friend of the Farm Foundation:** Blair Wolfley\*, Holly Hansen\*, Marc Boldt\* (Sandy Brown/Kirk Gresham)

**Master Gardener’s Foundation:** Nancy Funk, Julie Bruning\*

**Food System Council and Friends of Clark County:** Heather Tischbein

**Clark County Staff:**

*Parks and Lands:* Galina Burley\*, Patrick Lee, Joe Zimmerman\*, Laura Hoggatt, Alex Hourani\*, Chris Walker

*Community Planning/Historic Preservation:* Jacqueline Kamp\*, Sharon Lumbantobing\*

*Facilities:* Michelle Murie\*

*Clean Water:* Jeff Schnabel

*Public Works Director/Staff:* Ahmad Qayoumi\*, Magan Reed\*

*Council Staff:* Kathleen Otto\*, Lindsey Shafar\*, Marilee McCall\*, Julie Olson\*

**Farm Neighbors/Interested Parties:** Lisa Bayautet, Sharon Kenoski\*, Curtis Knopp, Chuck McCracken\*, Linda Nutter\*, Tracy Pax\*, Ila Stanek, Robin Summers\*, Sue Marshall\*, Dustin Bruce

\* Not Present

**4:08pm** Called to Order – Patrick Lee

Time	Action Item
4:09pm	<b>MOTION BY:</b> Kirk Gresham <b>SECOND BY:</b> Sandy Brown
	<b>MOTION:</b> Motion to adopt November 19, 2020 minutes as submitted
	<b>DISCUSSION:</b>
	<b>IN FAVOR:</b> Unanimous <b>OPPOSED:</b> None <b>ABSTAINED:</b> None

**Restoration Project Update – Jeff Schnabel**

- a) Waiting on grant agreement from Ecology – should be accomplished in February
- b) Moving forward with design work in March
- c) Sandy asked about the width of the swath and other projects impacted
  - i) Border to border – Clean Water will maintain access roads
- d) Rob asked how long to construct

- i) Primarily during one summer – Summer of 2023 (July-Sept) is target date, Nov 2023 plants would go in
- e) Kirk asked if the 1 million from Clean Water is budgeted
  - i) Yes, through fee revenues
- f) Justin O’Dea asked about native oak camas prairie restoration – has connections to historic food gathering
  - i) Nothing in the plan at this point – not sure if boundary of footprint will reach uplands to work with oak – can talk about it

### **3) Business and Marketing Plan Update – Patrick Lee**

- a) Still waiting for guidance from council

### **4) Farm Advisory Committee Report – Sandy Brown, Farm Advisory Committee**

- a) Sent out request for program summary to leads – has one back
- b) Updated summary report and asked more specific questions regarding produce harvested, educational efforts, heavy requirement on photos – Deadline Feb 26<sup>th</sup> – Hopes to get summaries in order and back to Pat in March
- c) New proposal – WSU weather station (agweather.net) – enhance/upgrade tower – 10m tower on 32x32 spot next to current station currently – will be more accurate as far as air temp sensors, secondary rain gauge, screens around rain gauge, soil sensors to monitor soil temps and water potential – will take down current station – cost is 8k and welcoming donations but will pay that fee, would like to install in March – tentatively approved – no discussion of lease agreement and should be formalized – Sandy will recommend they contact Pat and Michelle Schuster – Sandy will also reach out to Jacqui about the taller tower
- d) Recommendations about community garden fee and storage – have moved those on – Pat needs to follow up – Fee is \$65 currently and was written that there could be a fee increase
- e) Nothing more about solar project
- f) Justin has been writing in flat fees and has one grant that has a line for \$500 but doesn’t know where to direct it – Sandy and Justin will meet
- g) Equipment Fee Project – Have all equipment usage identified for major users of farm activities – now matching uses to equivalent price for piece of equipment for hourly basis so they can include it in estimates – Joe’s set of job description details is still in development
- h) Welcome two new members to the board: Nancy Funk and Holly Hansen
- i) Significant changes to the website are in process

### **5) Farm Operations Report – Justin O’Dea**

- a) Ten different trials this season – Quinoa, malting barley, habanero, edamame, indigo tomato, mushrooms
- b) Installed a raspberry hybrid
- c) Applied for grant to extend mushroom project
- d) Buckwheat project as food crop
- e) Joe repairing small tractor – should be able to get running – only one that fits inside the tunnel
- f) Nancy Funk shared the Food Bank is in process of establishing what/how much they will grow – moving ahead with plans of what they will do in the foods – popular crops include onions, green beans and beets

### **6) 2021 Meeting Schedule – Patrick Lee**

- a) See Below for dates

### **7) Public Comments received - Patrick Lee**

- i) No comments

**4:51pm** Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Chris Walker, Secretary

**2021 Meeting Schedule (Third Thursday every other month)**

January 21, 2021

March 18, 2021

May 20, 2021

July 15, 2021

September 16, 2021

November 18, 2021

**All meetings are scheduled from 4:00 to 5:30 PM**

**For the foreseeable future all meetings will be virtual via WEBEX**