



78th Street Heritage Farm Advisory Team Meeting Minutes



Thursday, May 19th, 2022, 4:00pm to 5:00 pm
Virtual Meeting Via Microsoft Teams

Advisory Team: Bill Zimmerman, Gary Garth*, Kathleen Perillo*, Kirk Gresham, Robert Freed, Sandy Brown

Clark County: Rocky Houston, Erik Harrison, Amy Arnold, Jessica Cretsinger, David Stipe, Lynde Wallick, Isaac McConnell, Kathleen Otto, Richard Rylander

Farm Programs, Neighbors, Public Memebers: Ed Hamilton Rosales, Jack Bernhardsen, Missy McElprang, Terry, Chantal Krystiniak, Emily Straw, Kristine Perry, Erika Johnson, Nancy Funk, Heather Tischbein

* Not Present

4:00pm Called to Order – Erik Harrison

Business and Marketing Plan Update – Lynde Wallick

Lynde provided an overview of the planning, document, the steering committee, and the timeline for the project. The Advisory Team asked questions and suggested a potential steering committee member that Lynde will reach out to as a potential stakeholder.

Wetland Project Update – Isaac McConnell

Farm Advisory Committee Report – Sandy Brown, Farm Advisory Committee

Discussed event requests – one from the Chrysanthemum Group asking to hold a sale on May 28, 2022, at the Farm, and one that the food system Council has requested – the Harvest Festival that's held on September 17, 2022.

Completed the 2021 summary reports for projects and did a financial assessment regarding the value of the volunteers, the value of the produce grown, and the value of other funding that supports their projects.

Erik mentioned that Heritage Farm had a direct impact on 200,000 people in Clark County that benefited from produce at the farm.

Friends of the Farm Foundation Report – Kirk Gresham

We are working with Christine, WSU, and Zane to develop a protocol to support the maintenance of the equipment on site.

Discussed The Friends of Heritage Farm website and the three projects that are being supported by donors that have not been posted to it yet.

Farm Operations Report – Erik Harrison

The County has hired a new farm operation specialist – Zane Carver.

Erik had his first meeting with the project team leads of the farm. There will be changes and he will need help, support, and collaboration to help support those systems and processes. The County needs to develop a work order system at the farm, and Erik will work with Cindy Gonzalez to update the website.

He will work on updating the Distribution list.

The irrigation system has been turned on.

Rocky relayed that the County Prosecuting Attorney office identified that the County needs to revise the leases throughout the County and at the Farm to make sure the leases follow the State RCW's and WAC's; there's a concern about gift of public resources.

In addition, the County is completing a recruitment process for the Farm Technical Advisory Team. We will work with the team to develop bylaws and will discuss staging and staggering the terms; it will be 2-year terms.

Public Comments

No comments received

Open Forum – Questions and Answers

No additional questions

Close out remarks – Erik Harrison

Erik discussed excitement for the new protocol systems and is very optimistic about our future at the farm.

He will be gone for several weeks. If you need to reach out, contact Zane or Rocky.

5:00 pm Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Amy Arnold, Secretary

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