



78th Street Heritage Farm Advisory Team Meeting Minutes



Thursday, August 11th, 2022, 4:00pm to 4:45pm
Virtual Meeting Via Microsoft Teams

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

Clark County: Rocky Houston, Erik Harrison, Amy Arnold, David Stipe, Richard Rylander, Zane Karver, Pete Dubois

Farm Programs: Neighbors, Public Members: Blair Wolfley, Heather Tischbein, Meredith Herbst, Kristine Perry, Nancy Funk, Erika Johnson, Ed Hamilton, Joe Zimmerman, Tim Spence, 360-241-7755, Dianedempster36

* Not Present

4:01 PM Called to Order – Erik Harrison.

Introductions – Roll Call

No quorum. Discussed whether participants counted as voting members for quorum purposes.

Approval of Minutes

May 19, 2022 Minutes adoption were tabled for September 2022 meeting.

They were adopted by Kirk, Blaire and Erik contingent upon whether or not there was quorum.

4:02 PM Business & Marketing Plan Update – Erik Harrison

Erik mentioned the Steering Committee formation, listed the participants, including the pending ones, and indicated a project website has been created but isn't finished. Heather indicated two suggestions for participants and mentioned she will send them to Lynde via email.

4:05 PM Farm Advisory Committee Report – Sandy Brown

Sandy mentioned that the Master Gardener Foundation had an in-house plant sale that went well, that they are doing tours at the farm, and that they have had tomato and blueberry workshops there.

Mentioned that WSU is doing a small farm tours project at Heritage Farms, that the Food System Council is co-sponsoring and that tours will be done by the Master Gardeners Foundation. Discussed whether they can allow a food cart there.

4:10 PM Friends of the Farm Foundation Report – Blair Wolfley

Blair mentioned the brochure they are building regarding membership benefits for joining their foundation. They want them ready for the booth they plan to have at the farm.

Mentioned they are in the process of exploring a future partnership with PeaceHealth regarding their sustainability efforts with the farm.

Mentioned they are in the process of adding a new member to their board.

4:14 PM Farm Operations Report – Rocky Houston and Erik Harrison

Rocky discussed the Heritage Farm Advisory Team submission package, the process for recruitment of those members, and how the applicants will be appointed. The Advisory Team asked questions about the review process, whether future meetings will be impacted by this, and who will handle the proposals and annual summary.

Erik mentioned that the farm produced a nice harvest of corn, squash and beans this season.

Erik discussed the varmint issues on the farm mentioning a coyote and a deer. The Advisory Team offered suggestions of how to deal with both issues – set up watering stations for the coyotes and tying survey tape on the fence for the deer. Erika Johnson offered recommendations on how to co-exist with these varmints. Also discussed the fencing around the property, mentioning that we are working on a contract for that.

Mentioned the grounds and maintenance improvements at the farm, indicating that we are doing some targeted spraying around the property. Also mentioned the future project plans for the large wood pile with the intent to chip it up, and that next month we will conduct a space and dry storage audit to make sure it's in compliance.

Mentioned that there is a new process for leases pursuant to Clark County Code 2.33A.110 and 2.33A.120. Indicated that the Clark County property management committee will be reviewing the leases.

4:31 PM Public Comments

No comments received.

4:31 PM Open Forum – Questions and Answers

Kristine mentioned there was an emergency incident at the blueberry site that caused 9-1-1 to be called – she asked what the safety protocols are and inquired about first aid kits. Erik indicated this can go to the advisory team for input and we would work on some internal standards of procedure.

Tim mentioned their greenhouse's top cover is very old and dirty and asked if the offender crew can help to clean it. Erik mentioned he would look into this to make sure we are in compliance with our county codes.

Heather asked about the hiring of a facilitator and what that person will facilitate. David answered informing her that we are working on this for the business sustainability plan development, and that said person will work with various groups to review the current adopted master plan. We are trying to get this started in September 2022.

Erik mentioned his schedule – that he will be at Heritage Farm three days a week. The rest of the time he will be at other locations. He also indicated their office’s location in the Heritage Farm building.

4:44 PM Close Out Remarks – Erik Harrison

Erik thanked the advisory committee and sub-committee for being available and for helping him through the process. He mentioned his excitement to the business plan and steering committee, mentioned he will look at the food carts and internal standards of procedure, and will work with the Farm Advisory Team and sub-committee on those items.

Erik also mentioned that there will be a meeting next month, in September 2022.

4:45 PM Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Amy Arnold, Secretary

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