



78th Street Heritage Farm Advisory Team Meeting Minutes



Thursday, September 22nd, 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, Amy Wooten, Lynde Wallick

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

* Not Present

4:02 PM Called to Order – Erik Harrison.

Introductions – Roll Call
No quorum.

Approval of Minutes
May 19, 2022 Minutes adoption
August 11, 2022 Minutes adoption
No quorum. Erik adopted these minutes by general consent.

Time	Action Item
4:05	MOTION BY: Erik Harrison SECOND BY:
	MOTION: Motion to adopt May 19, 2022 minutes and August 11, 2022 minutes, as submitted
	DISCUSSION:
	IN FAVOR: Unanimous OPPOSED: None ABSTAINED: None

4:07 PM **Business and Marketing Plan Update – Lynde Wallick**

Lynde noted that we need to change this to say “Sustainability Plan” on the Agenda.

Lynde discussed the Heritage Farm Sustainability Plan update and informed people when the first meeting is scheduled for, on October 24, 2022 at 1:00 p.m., in Heritage Farm conference room.

Discussed concerns regarding the Steering Committee members and their qualifications to be on the committee itself. Mentioned that the meeting is a public meeting, but that the public may not participate.

4:17 PM Farm Advisory Committee Report – Sandy Brown

Sandy and Kristine mentioned that the Master Gardeners have been doing several tours on the farm, that they occur every month, and that they are going well. Sandy said there has been no requests for projects or activities recently. She mentioned she has been cleaning out files and getting some of the annual reports.

Heather, Erik, and Sandy discussed the difference between the Heritage Farm Meeting members and the Heritage Farm Sustainability Plan committee members.

Kristine mentioned the Harvest celebration that was held at Heritage Farm last Saturday. She said the WSU extension's small acreage program highlights celebrating different farms around the county. This year the extension highlighted eight farms, and Heritage Farm was one of them. Kristine went over what occurred at the event.

4:32 PM Farm Operations Report – Erik Harrison and Rocky Houston

Erik mentioned the activities that have occurred at the farm, listing that all mowing has been done, that Zane organized the machines at the shop, that the area has been winterized, and that pruning and general garbage clean-up have been done. Erik also listed the produce growing at the farm, indicating that the fruits have been organized and named, and that the community gardens have had a lot of activity. He also mentioned that LULAC has started planting on their land.

Nancy mentioned that middle schoolers helped to harvest the carrots, and Kristine talked about the Master Gardener's volunteer program.

Heather indicated they are onboarding a farm manager who will start on October 1, 2022. She also mentioned they have started to receive some of the grants they have applied for, and they will start doing some soil testing to establish a baseline to track their improvements. Kristine added that her, Zane, Justin, the new farm manager will meet tomorrow to talk about the farm equipment and safety.

Nancy mentioned that emergency contact information needs to be posted at the farm. Erik informed her that they are working towards that goal and more information is to come.

4:57 PM Public Comments

No comments received.

4:57 PM Open Forum – Questions and Answers

Heather, Rob, and Erik discussed the Historic Preservation Commission and its absence on the Heritage Farm Steering Committee. Heather was concerned that they should be included, but Erik and Rob informed her that Rob will be on the Steering Committee, that he worked in historic preservation, and can act as a facilitator on their behalf.

5:00 PM Close Out Remarks – Erik Harrison

Erik thanked everyone for their time, commitment, and passion when it comes to the farm. He mentioned when the next meeting is scheduled for – November 17, 2022, indicating that meetings should occur on the third Thursday of every month going forward. Erik also said the deadline for the new Advisory Team is September 30, 2022 and encouraged everyone to apply.

5:00 PM Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Amy Arnold, Secretary

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

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