



78th Street Heritage Farm Advisory Team Meeting Minutes



Thursday, November 17, 2022, 4:00pm to 5:30 PM
Virtual Meeting Via Microsoft Teams

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

Clark County: Erik Harrison, Rocky Houston, Amy Arnold, Zane Karver, Lynde Wallick, Karen Bowerman, Pete Dubois

Farm Programs, Neighbors, Public Members: Heather Tischbein, Tim Spence, Jackie Lane, Ed Hamilton, Ila Stanek, 360-609-1283, 971-506-4617

* Not Present

4:02 PM Called to Order

4:02 PM Introductions – Roll Call

4:03 PM Approval of Minutes
September 22, 2022 Minutes adoption
No quorum. Erik adopted these minutes by unanimous consent.

Time	Action Item
4:05	MOTION BY: Kirk Gresham SECOND BY: Sandy Brown
	MOTION: Motion to adopt September 22, 2022 Minutes, as submitted
	DISCUSSION:
	IN FAVOR: Unanimous OPPOSED: None ABSTAINED: None

4:04 PM Business and Marketing Plan Update – Lynde Wallick

Lynde informed the team that Rob Freed is the liaison to the Heritage Farm Advisory Team on behalf of the Steering Committee. She indicated that her responsibility is to update the team on the mechanics of the development of the plan, and that Rob's responsibility is to share the information from the Steering Committee meetings and any resources that were provided.

Lynde summarized the Steering Committee meetings that have occurred, indicating that a survey has been sent out to various groups for feedback. Ed Hamilton and Lynde discussed the wording on the survey, in regard to adding language that everyone is encouraged to participate in this, not just the stakeholders at the farm.

Lynde indicated when the public Open House is, scheduled for December 14, 2022 at the Bud Van Cleave room at the Luke Jensen Sports Complex, informing the team of the different types of information that may be presented. She indicated that the Heritage Farm Advisory Team will share a booth with the Friends of the Farm Foundation at this meeting. Public invitations and posting for that meeting will be sent on December 1, 2022. She also indicated that the next Steering Committee meeting will be on January 30, 2023.

Sandy, in place for Rob Freed, shared information from her attendance at the last Steering Committee meeting. She informed the team about the Visioning exercise that the consultants presented at that meeting. She said she will share these questions with the Heritage Farm Advisory Team as well.

4:23 PM Farm Advisory Committee Report – Sandy Brown

Sandy said she's preparing for the 2022 annual summary reports that go out to all the project leads on the farm. She summarized the information this report will cover and referenced the timeline of when this report is expected to be available.

She noted that she hasn't received any project or event requests recently.

4:25 PM Friends of the Farm Foundation Report – Kirk Gresham

Kirk complimented Sandy on the presentation she gave at the Heritage Farm Sustainability Meeting, noting that Kristine Perry from WSU also provided helpful information regarding the financial information that was shared. He said the consultants also did a really fine job of balancing both sides of the interests of the farm.

Kirk said they have done a lot of preparing for the Heritage Farm Sustainability Meeting Open House that's scheduled for December 14, 2022. He said they are working on getting their brochures updated and informed the team that they will be joining the Heritage Farm Advisory Team's booth/table.

Kirk also said there have been some maintenance issues regarding WSU's piece of equipment, the John Deere 6500 tractor, but that they are in the process of trying to repair it.

4:28 PM Farm Operations Report – Erik Harrison/Zane Karver

Erik informed the team that Zane will be reporting on this from now on.

Zane said the farm is fully winterized now, that the pump is off, the water has been drained, and that all machinery and implements have been stored. He listed additional updates – that LULAC has started seeding their fields and are getting winterized as well, that the tee posts in the parking area in the field have been removed, that there are roughly five tons of carrots available to anyone that is interested, and that the John Deere tractor still isn't working.

4:30 PM Public Comments

Erik said he didn't receive any comments.

4:30 PM Open Forum – Questions and Answers

Regarding the reference to the farm being sold that was mentioned in the Heritage Farm Sustainability meeting, Ed, Lynde and Rocky discussed this. Lynde and Rocky indicated that it was not an option the County was pursuing; that it was information that a Steering Committee member had requested.

Ed and Rocky discussed the status of the applications for the Technical Advisory Team, with Rocky explaining the process the County follows to review these. Ed expressed concerns that not all the applicants were informed that the interview process had been closed.

Karen and Ed discussed how the publics' concerns are a good opportunity to reevaluate some of the ideas for the farm. Karen indicated that the last council hearing will be on December 6, 2022.

4:39 PM Close Out Remarks – Erik Harrison

Erik thanked everyone for their participation and passion for Heritage Farms. He gave Sandy a special thank you for her work at the last Heritage Farm Sustainability Meeting.

Erik informed the team that this will be his last meeting as the facilitator for the Advisory team. He said that Matt Baum will be taking over at the next meeting. He indicated that he is not leaving the County, that he is just focusing on other aspects within the County.

4:41 PM Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Amy Arnold, Secretary

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