



78th Street Heritage Farm Advisory Team Meeting Minutes



Thursday, March 16, 2023, 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: Matthew Baum, Rocky Houston, Amy Arnold, Zane Karver, Lynde Wallick, Pete Dubois, Glen Yung

Farm Programs, Neighbors, Public Members: Emily Straw, Joe Zimmerman, Heather Tischbein, Tim Spence, Kristine Perry, Susan Ellinger

* Not Present

4:01 PM Called to Order

Rocky indicated he will be facilitating the meeting in place of Matthew until he arrives; that Matthew is currently driving.

4:02 PM Introductions – Roll Call

4:05 PM Approval of Minutes January 19, 2023 Minutes adoption

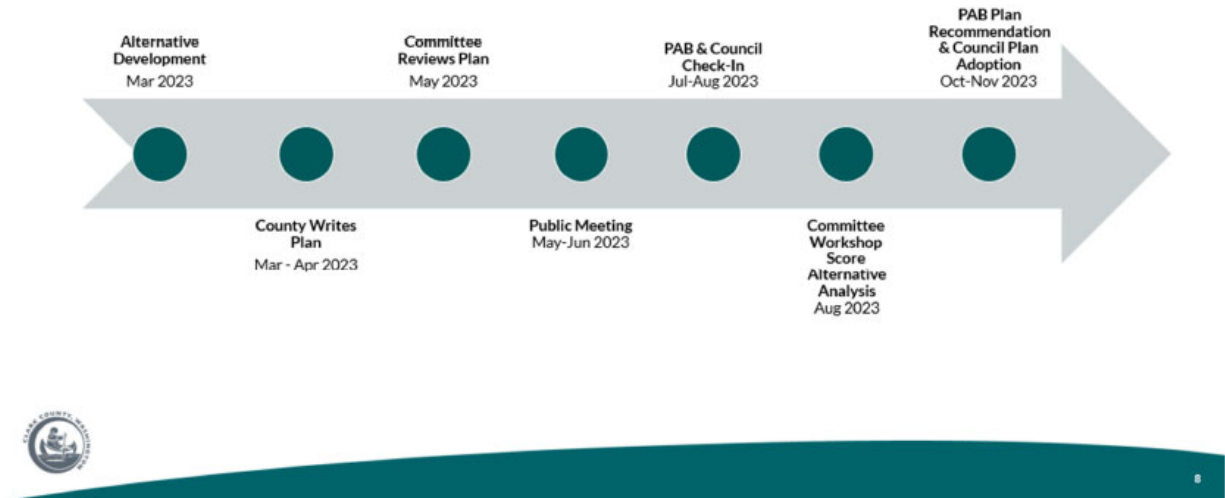
Time	Action Item
4:05	MOTION BY: Rob Freed SECOND BY: Kristine Perry
	MOTION: Motion to adopt January 19, 2023 Minutes, as submitted
	DISCUSSION:
	IN FAVOR: Unanimous OPPOSED: None ABSTAINED: None

4:06 PM Sustainability Plan Update – Rob Freed and/or Lynde Wallick

Lynde gave an overview of the meetings that have taken place, one of January 30, 2023; one on February 13, 2023, and one more recently on March 13, 2023. Lynde discussed what occurred at the March meeting – that the Steering Committee discussed the community survey results, the community leader interviews, and the public comments that have been received. The committee also participated in a workshop where they broke into several groups to develop alternatives for the sustainability plan. There were five alternatives from that workshop and there was a lot of overlap in the ideas presented.

Lynde also discussed the below timeline for the sustainability plan, listing the estimated dates of completion for this process:

Heritage Farm—Process



Lynde said if you have questions regarding this, to contact Rob Freed. Rob and Kristine also said the workshop was good, informative and that the process is headed in the right direction.

Lynde also added that she will have another update for the stakeholders list to update them on the Steering Committee's progress, which she will send out to folks later this week.

4:17 PM Farm Advisory Committee Report – Kirk Gresham

Kirk spoke on Sandy's behalf indicating that they have an open request to replace Greenhouse #7; that they are currently doing an evaluation of it and preparing a recommendation for the county.

4:18 PM Friends of the Farm Foundation Report – Kirk Gresham

Kirk spoke on behalf of Blair indicating that Clark Public Utilities is organizing a garden and home show at the end of April, on April 29th and 30th, 2023 and the Foundation will have a booth there. He said they are excited about this and getting ready for it. He also indicated that their website, <https://friendsofheritagefarm.org/>, has been updated with their mission and all their membership options.

4:19 PM Farm Operations Report – Rocky Houston/Zane Karver

Rocky indicated that the county is processing the recommendations for the Heritage Farm Advisory Team appointments and that those letters should be sent out soon. He also said that the county is updating and finalizing the leases, noting that the legal team has changed the format of the lease document. He said the county is also in the process of moving forward to replace Greenhouse #7 – that both Facilities and the Historic Preservation are reviewing that request. Rocky also indicated that the Master Gardeners program has started doing guided tours and training their volunteers for how to set up those presentations.

Zane indicated the following – that the 6400 tractor should be repaired soon, that wood chips have been added around the community garden, that a lot of bags of soil have been sold and another shipment arrives tomorrow, that the roof on Greenhouse #7 has been repaired, that WSU is making progress on their mushroom research they started last month, that the Queen Bee group will install a non-permanent fence for wind protection, and that in the next few weeks, he will be doing some grading around the front entrance of the farm by installing gravel.

4:25 PM Public Comments

Matthew indicated there were none.

4:26 PM Open Forum – Questions and Answers

Pete shared a joke.

4:26 PM Close Out Remarks – Matthew Baum

Rocky thanked everyone for their time. He indicated to contact Matthew or Zane with any questions or opportunities.

4:27 PM Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Amy Arnold, Secretary

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