



# 78<sup>th</sup> Street Heritage Farm Advisory Team Meeting Minutes



Thursday, January 19, 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, David Stipe, Amy Arnold, Zane Karver, Lynde Wallick, Amy Wooten, Pete Dubois, Glen Yung, Kathleen Otto

**Farm Programs, Neighbors, Public Members:** Heather Tischbein, Jackie Lane, Ed Hamilton Rosales, Emily Straw, Joe Zimmerman, Judith Ann Wait, Kristine Perry, Erika Johnson, Kyle CCFB

\* Not Present

#### 4:01 PM Called to Order

Matthew introduced himself, indicating that he has replaced Erik Harrison and is the new point of contact for this property.

#### 4:02 PM Introductions – Roll Call

#### 4:03 PM Approval of Minutes

##### November 17, 2022 Minutes adoption

No quorum. Matthew adopted these minutes by unanimous consent.

| Time | Action Item  |
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| 4:03 | <b>MOTION BY:</b> Rob Freed <b>SECOND BY:</b> Sandy Brown              |
|      | <b>MOTION:</b> Motion to adopt November 17, 2022 Minutes, as submitted |
|      | <b>DISCUSSION:</b>   |
|      | <b>IN FAVOR:</b> Unanimous <b>OPPOSED:</b> None <b>ABSTAINED:</b> None |

#### 4:03 PM Sustainability Plan Update – Rob Freed and/or Lynde Wallick

Rob, Matthew and Lynde discussed the open house that occurred on December 14, 2022. They indicated that there were 75 attendees and a lot of interest about the Farm. Lynde summarized what occurred at the meeting noting that the Parks and Lands Department has received a lot of positive feedback from the people who attended. Lynde also mentioned that the results of Community Survey will be presented at the next Steering Committee meeting, which will occur on January 30, 2023, via a hybrid meeting – half in-person at the Luke Jensen Sports Complex Bud Van Cleve room and half online via Microsoft Teams.

Rob and Lynde discussed some of the confusion with the name “sustainability” in the plan versus calling it a “business” plan. Lynde indicated that if anyone has any questions, to please contact her.

Rob and Matthew discussed some of the confusion by calling the Farm a “park.” Matthew explained that the Farm’s operations and staff are Parks and Lands staff, and that Clark County staff is involved in the operations. Matthew indicated that if anyone has any questions, to please contact him.

#### **4:12 PM Farm Advisory Committee Report – Sandy Brown**

Sandy indicated that the projects summary report for the farm is due on January 20, 2023 and that she’s hoping to have the report available by mid-February or by the next meeting. She also discussed some of the requests the Farm has received, which include a request from the WSDA regarding a three-day workshop/training program at Clark College, an updated proposal from the 4H RCS garden to work with the juvenile justice system and youth at family community resource centers in the school, an updated request from the Roots to Road project to work more with 4H, the youth in schools, and with adults in the community, and an event request from the Master Gardener Foundation to host their plant sale on May 13, 2023.

Rob, Rocky, Matthew and Kathleen Otto discussed the status of the LULAC project regarding construction of the greenhouse. Rob indicated that he thought the proposal should have been reviewed by the advisory team first, then gone to the Historic Preservation Commission for their review. Rocky, Kathleen and Matthew indicated that an error was made in this process and that the County is trying to rectify it. Rocky explained that once we know the outcome of the review process, we will engage with the Advisory Team and Ed for the next steps. Kathleen mentioned the same, noting that this misstep in our process is why we are going back through the Historic Preservation Commission and through Community Development. Rocky indicated that as the County moves forward in getting a new Advisory Team and working on the Bylaws, we will continue to make sure we are following the process and procedures.

Rob and Kathleen discussed how the farm is on the National Register of Historic Places and how this has benefited the farm.

Rob and Kathleen also discussed the LULAC lease regarding the two conditions in it as it relates to additional work and the work not impacting the registered historic sites. Kathleen responded with the language in Article 7, indicating that the County intends to follow the current lease in place.

Joe and David discussed whether changing the description of the structure to a temporary one or a non-permanent one would make a difference. David answered that per the Agriculture structure exemption requirements, it does not make it exempt from the Historic Preservation Board review. David summarized the process for the exemption form noting that there is no temporary structure exemption for a structure of that size.

Heather discussed her concerns regarding the funds that have been spent in the construction of the Hoop House and potentially starting over in the process for approval. Rocky and Kathleen indicated that if there is an unfavorable outcome, the County will work with LULAC to discuss alternative solutions.

#### **4:40 PM Farm Operations Report – Zane Karver**

Matthew indicated we are reviewing this item next in the interest of Zane's time. Zane discussed a few updates which included a new porta potty in the pick fields, some weather-related damage to Greenhouse #7, that WSU is making good progress on the threshing, that WSU had good results from a plant sale that occurred, that some light pruning has started on the orchard and on the terrace garden, that a County sign/informational board has been installed by the cemetery, and that they have placed wood chips around the wood path in the community garden.

#### **4:42 PM Friends of the Farm Foundation Report – Kirk Gresham**

Kirk referenced how they attended the public meeting that took place in December 2022. He said they met and talked to a lot of people there. He said they are meeting monthly, the second Tuesday of every month, to work on fundraising opportunities and collaborate with other users at the farm. He invited people to reach out to him if they would like to be involved.

#### **4:44 PM Public Comments**

Matthew indicated that he believes this was already discussed under the Farm Advisory Committee Report section, regarding the LULAC project updates.

#### **4:44 PM Open Forum – Questions and Answers**

Matthew gave quick biography of himself indicating that he has a fairly good understanding of some of the troubles and issues that are facing the farm. He encouraged anyone who has questions to reach out to him.

Sandy indicated that Ed responded in the Chat mentioning that LULAC is a co-sponsor of the WSDA workshop event.

#### **4:47 PM Close Out Remarks – Matthew Baum**

Matthew apologized to Ed for not being able to attend the meeting with sound. Matthew indicated that he plans to speak to him within the next few days.

David requested a copy of the grant application for the Hoop House to aid in discovering the approval process. Kathleen indicated that she would connect with Community Development and Community Planning to work on this.

Matthew indicated that he looks forward to working with everyone going forward.

#### **4:49 PM Meeting Adjourned**

Submitted by Amy Arnold, Secretary

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