



78th Street Heritage Farm Advisory Team Meeting Minutes



Thursday, September 21, 2023, 4:00pm to 5:00PM
Luke Jensen Sports Park in the LJSP Bud Van Cleve Community Meeting Room
4000 NE 78th Street, Vancouver, WA. 98665, and
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, David Stipe

Farm Programs, Neighbors, Public Members: Joao Vilca Soto, Heather Tischbein, Emily Straw

* Not Present

4:00 PM Called to Order

Mathew called the meeting to order.

4:00 PM Introductions – Roll Call

People in the conference room introduced themselves, and Rocky introduced the people online.

4:02 PM Approval of Minutes

There is no quorum so the Minutes cannot be adopted.

Minutes Adoption:

Time	Action Item
X:XX PM	MOTION BY: SECOND BY:
	MOTION: Motion to adopt these Minutes, as submitted: March 16, 2023 Minutes May 18, 2023 Minutes July 20, 2023 Minutes
	DISCUSSION:
	IN FAVOR: OPPOSED: ABSTAINED:

4:03 PM Farm Operations Report – Zane Karver

Matthew is letting Zane go first so he doesn't incur overtime.

Zane listed various updates to include that the Food Bank is getting the last field of corn harvested and will start growing carrots soon; that the mixed vegetable field is still being harvested; that both the Veterans Group and the Organic group are growing; that the orchard has water now which will be great for next season; that not a lot of the fruit was useable this season due to lack of

water; that WSU is getting into their research and will start harvesting soon; that LULAC has started planting trees and raised beds; and that he repaired the fence on the south side of the park to prevent people from breaking into the farm. Rob, Zane and Rocky discussed whether there has been vandalism at the farm. Zane indicated that he has not seen any vandalism but noted that people are getting in. Rocky indicated there are gate agreements for the properties on the farm, which is something that will be discussed in the future. Matthew, Rob and Rocky also discussed the fence around the front of the building and Matthew indicated the county will do some pruning to the sequoia tree to make sure it meets safety concerns.

Rocky and Zane discussed the status of greenhouse number seven, specifically as it relates to coordinating with Facilities to reconnect its services. Zane reported that most of the outside structure is up, but not the siding or the roofing yet.

Rob, Matthew and Rocky discussed the greenhouse for LULAC and where it will be moving to. Matthew said he and Joao have a meeting scheduled to discuss this on Monday, October 2, 2023.

4:10 PM Sustainability Plan Update – Rocky Houston & David Stipe

Rob indicated he does not have any updates.

Rocky indicated Lynde has primarily been working on the sustainability plan trying to format the three alternatives to present to Council for review and approval. He said the sustainability plan is in its first draft and that the Committee will have an opportunity to review it at their next meeting in early October 2023. Rocky also listed the timeline for Council to review it. David added that there is no drastic change in the direction of the plan and that the county has worked with the Advisory Team and the farm's operators to address safety and security concerns regarding the public access elements that are in the master plan.

4:14 PM Farm Advisory Committee Report – Sandy Brown

Sandy said a variety of events have occurred at the farm over the summer and they have recently received a proposal from a team of groups consisting of WSU, the Clark County Food Bank, and the Master Composters Recyclers program to create a youth education area near the sundial. The groups want the education area to include raised beds and a covered area for meetings. Sandy indicated that Kristine has been applying for grants to fund this and they approve of the idea, but have questions regarding the management of the structure, the scheduling of events, and whether the structure should seek approval through the historic preservation commission. Matthew discussed the type of structure the groups want to build and Rocky indicated the structure would need to be reviewed by the historic preservation commission and the Planning and Development team in Parks to assure the correct permits and documentation are obtained. Rocky further discussed that if the structure approval does not move forward, there is a proposal for a structure in the master plan to be added onto the northeast side of the property to aid in some training education elements.

4:21 PM Friends of the Farm Foundation Report – Blair Wolfley

Blair is not present at this meeting.

4:22 PM Public Comments – Matthew Baum

There are none.

4:22 PM Open Forum – Questions and Answers

Sandy asked for updates on the Hazel Dell Park project and for updates on the other projects that are adjacent to the farm. Rocky informed her of the updates for Hazel Dell, including the ADA access and parking lot improvements, the master plan, and the roof replacement on the structures and rest room, as well as the updates regarding Minnehaha Neighborhood Park. Heather and Rocky discussed the location of the five acres and Matthew and David clarified that the acreage is not a new acquisition, it is something that was acquired from a boundary line adjustment. David added that a survey was completed regarding plans for the property and anticipates a well-attended public meeting; that once the county has the property's conceptual site plans, they will share them. Heather, David and Rocky discussed whether a sidewalk will be added from the park to the intersection and Rocky indicated that Public Works has that project out for bid currently.

Rocky and Zane discussed how corn is harvested from the farm.

Joao indicated he is working on utilizing the LULAC farm area next to Hazel Dell Park to plan some native foods since the trees in that area provide shade.

4:36 PM Close Out Remarks – Matthew Baum

Rocky indicated that he believes the county is close to closing on the appointments for the Heritage Farm Advisory Group.

4:37 PM Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Amy Arnold, Secretary

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