



78th Street Heritage Farm Advisory Team Meeting Minutes



Thursday, July 18, 2024, 4:00PM to 6:00PM
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: Sandra Brown, Bill Fickett, Lisa Bayautet, Carol Levanen, Rachel Feston

Clark County: Amy Arnold, Lynde Wallick, Matthew Baum, Zane Karver, David Stipe, Susan Ellinger

Farm Programs, Neighbors, Public Members: Kristine Perry, Heather Tischbein, Matthew (CCFB), Krik Gresham, Emily Straw (CCFB)

* Not Present

This meeting was experiencing some technical difficulties and parts of the meeting may not have been captured in the recording. We apologize for the inconvenience.

4:00 PM Called to Order/Introductions

Advisory Team members and County staff introduced themselves. Matthew also introduced any online participants.

4:02 PM Approval of Meeting Minutes

Time	Action Item
4:02 PM	MOTION BY: Sandra Brown SECOND BY: Carol Levanen
	MOTION: Motion to adopt these Minutes, as submitted: May 16, 2024 Minutes
	DISCUSSION: The Minutes have been approved. Advisory Teams members said the minutes were well written and appreciated having them sent prior to the next meeting date.
	IN FAVOR: All OPPOSED: None ABSTAINED: None

4:03 PM Updates: Sustainability Plan – Lynde Wallick

Lynde discussed that the second session with the Clark County Councilors was held on June 18, 2024 and they approved of the plan. Lynde also discussed the next steps. Lynde said county staff are working on a few of the ideas listed in the plan, such as the leaf composting idea from Pete DuBois, the children’s garden long term plan that Kristine Perry proposed, and the feasibility of a temporary shade structure. Bill and Lynde also discussed whether the leaf composting idea is a viable option.

Carol, Lynde, Matthew, and David discussed the Conservation Covenant for Heritage Farm and Lynde referenced the changes to it that Council recommended.

4:08 PM Farm Operations Report/Plan – Matthew Baum

Zane discussed various updates including that the Food Bank is in the middle of cabbage production, that LULAC started their raised vegetables and had an event yesterday that went well, that LULAC will also do planter boxes, and that most of the property has been mowed.

4:09 PM Farm Operations Guidelines updates – Matthew Baum

Matthew discussed the updates to the guidelines indicating that they have not been completed. He said if anyone has any business questions, to send him an email (Matthew.Baum@clark.wa.gov) or David Stipe an email (David.Stipe@clark.wa.gov) and they will review it with Kevin Tyler, the interim Parks Division Manager.

Matthew also discussed the calendar on the Heritage Farm website indicating it's full and shows things happening at the farm. Sandy and Matthew discussed who the event requests go to, and Matthew said he will have a presentation regarding the guidelines for this by the next meeting.

Matthew discussed a small fire that occurred at the farm indicating it put itself out and the slim chance of farm equipment being shut down at certain times due to this year's fire season. Bill, Matthew, and Sandy discussed farm equipment and concerns regarding driving vehicles on the farm.

4:13 PM Farm Lease Review – Matthew Baum

Matthew discussed this indicating the leases are still being reviewed by Legal, he explained the delays, and he and Bill discussed having them ready by the next meeting date.

4:16 PM Public Comments

There is none from the public, but Carol sent an email suggestion of an event idea of having draft horses from the Van Dykes Percherons, from Gene and Beth Courtney, do demonstrations at the farm like horse drawn plowing or a horse drawn carriage. Bill, Matthew, Carol, and Lisa discussed reaching out to these folks and Sandy said this might be a good idea for the Fall celebration at the farm.

4:19 PM Open Forum – Questions and Answers

Sandy and Matthew discussed whether the farm partners are still meeting regularly, and Matthew said he plans to address this in the guidelines and send an email to everyone prior to sending those out.

Lisa and Amy discussed the meeting's connection issues and calling the Information Technology (I.T.) department to fix this.

David discussed the draft Capital Improvement Plan, available on the County's funding website and through this link: [25-30-draft-cip-240708.pdf \(wa.gov\)](#), indicating he would share this with the Advisory Team members. The County's Park Projects and Funding website also has more information on this, found here: [Park Projects and Funding | Clark County \(wa.gov\)](#). Lynde and David also discussed the public comment period for the draft plan is open until August 6, 2024.

Bill and Lynde discussed the Council meeting regarding the Heritage Farm Sustainability Plan as it related to the Conservation Covenant updates.

Heather typed a question into the Chat: In terms of the comp plan climate element work, agriculture has come up in the Greenhouse Gas Emission inventory as in the top three of “emitters”, and with some recognitions of AG as a carbon sequestration strategy. Has community planning been in contact with you about the role HF might play in the climate element policy recommendations for the comp plan update? Does it make sense to make an inquiry with them about this? David discussed this indicating he has been contacted by Community Development, but he’s not sure how relevant this would be for daily operations at the farm. David said he would discuss this further with Heather.

Matthew discussed the vacancies at the County including the Parks Division Manager position the Deputy Director position indicating there are several applicants. Carol and Matthew discussed who the previous Deputy Director was.

Matthew encouraged folks to be safe and mindful during warm weather season with the heat and its dryness.

Lisa and Sandy discussed when the next meeting is scheduled for, on September 19, 2024.

Bill discussed that Matthew’s contact information is likely on the email they each received before the first meeting.

4:35 PM Adjournment

Submitted by Amy Arnold, Secretary

All meetings are scheduled from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

From: [Lynde Wallick](#)
To: [Carol Levanen](#)
Cc: [Amy Arnold](#)
Subject: RE: Checking in - Heritage Farm Sustainability Plan Public Hearing
Date: Thursday, June 20, 2024 8:03:15 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi Carol,

I am guessing you are asking about the next HFAT meeting. If so, Amy Arnold coordinates those meetings, so I am cc'ing her here for a reply.

Thank you.

Lynde Wallick
564.397.5882

From: Carol Levanen <cnldental@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2024 2:56 PM
To: Lynde Wallick <Lynde.Wallick@clark.wa.gov>
Subject: Re: Checking in - Heritage Farm Sustainability Plan Public Hearing

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Hello Lynde,

Please let me know when the next meeting is.....Is it July 18th? We have been so very busy with out of town responsibilities, that now, finally I am caught up and can move forward with other things. I was going through my phone message book and came across the name of folks who have draft horses and go around to different affairs providing demonstrations.. I'm thinking they have a wagon, and also do horse drawn plowing. Heritage Farm could have a farm celebration and they could be part of that. Their name is Gene and Beth Courtney - draft horses - Van Dykes Percherons. Thanks!

Best Regards,

Carol Levanen

On Monday, June 3, 2024 at 01:36:49 PM PDT, Lynde Wallick <lynde.wallick@clark.wa.gov> wrote:

Hello again stakeholders,

Quick update, there was an error in the Historic Preservation meeting update, the date should be June 5. The link in the original email is accurate.