

Minutes for 2-8-2023 UPRD Regular Meeting

6:00pm at Community Center

Board members: Pat McConnell, Alicia Beyer, Bob Wittenberg, Vern Moholis (Tina Gallion – excused)

Community Members: Robin McConnell, Lisa Brown, Melissa Wittenberg, Kathy LaMotte

Meeting called to order at 6:09

1. Welcome everybody
2. Approval of minutes of previous meetings: 1-11-2023
 - Motion to approve minutes as read Vern, 2nd Pat. Unanimous
3. Reports: Treasurer, Facility and Usage – On the website
4. Approve vouchers, including Excise tax
 - Motion to approve vouchers for 1/25 in the amount of \$3,327.51 and vouchers for 2/7 in the amount of \$2,319.95. Vern, 2nd Pat. Unanimous
5. Community Committee report – Robin McConnell
 - Save the date information will be posted on the UPRD reader board:
 - Feb 23 HR/WS Bridge Mtg
 - Feb 27 Blood Drive
 - The board will be updated Feb 13th with more specific information regarding the HR/WS bridge meeting with Keven Greenwood from the Port of Hood River. The board will be updated Feb 24th for the blood drive.
 - Lisa and Robin created email addresses to be used specifically for Community Committee work.
 - Lisa - ucc.lisab@gmail.com
 - Robin - ucc.robinm@gmail.com
 - With regard to volunteer hours, Lisa will provide Robin with an end of month total for her hours.
 - Lisa created a directed community email list to provide information in a timely manner to the Underwood community. An email was sent out to determine which community members want to be on the email list and to inform neighbors the list exists. The first email included information regarding the Hood River/White Salmon Bridge meeting as well as the upcoming blood drive.
 - Lisa volunteered to be on the replacement play structure committee and has made an initial contact with an acquaintance who works with non-commercial play structures but has contacts with commercial play structure companies. She will share this information at the upcoming play structure committee meeting February 28th @ 7:00

- Feb 07, 2023 - Community Committee Meeting Via TEAMS
 - In attendance: Lisa Brown, Robin McConnell
- Lisa gave an update on the directed email list. She has received many positive responses and a few wishing to be deleted. Lisa will have a poster regarding joining the email list at the meeting on Feb 23rd.
- One email respondent wondered about having CAT serve the Underwood area. Does a need assessment need to be done? We will look in to asking to be included in the service.
- We may have a donation box for the play structure at the meeting on the 23rd.
- Discussed our reader board message as well as use of sandwich boards. We will look at the boards on Feb 8th and talk about possible messages. We have two more boards. One board may be placed in Mill A.
- Books in the Little Libraries will be rotate and books in Spanish added. Is there any money in petty cash to purchase books. We will also be looking for donations of books.
- A possible Memorial Day event is an RC race in the horse arena for Memorial Day. It would be called the "Undy 500".
- Our next meeting will be Feb 28, 2023

6. Community Garden report – Sally Stillman

UNDERWOOD COMMUNITY GARDENS NEWS NOTE January / February 2023

- Another year begins and many of us are reading Seed Catalogs and looking forward to warmer weather as we imagine our garden plots and that first juicy tomato. I just received the monthly newsletter from nationalgardening.org filled with great Information and photos. The Victory Seed Company is offering a packet of seeds for your cool season garden AND the photo of a Bottled Rocket – a bearded iris – is stunning. Check it out! Shortly you will receive a copy of the 2023 List of Gardeners...please check the information and let us know if there are any changes as to accuracy of contact info.
- As for 2023 plans: the water will be turned on in April depending on the weather. Simultaneously a scheduled OPENING OF THE GARDEN and a WEED-IN – including help with your drip systems -will be scheduled. And remembering that each of us are to contribute Volunteer Hours to keep the Garden looking good I urge you to keep the weeds around your box and along the assigned areas of the fence clear. The latter chore is part of your Volunteer Hours Commitment and can be recorded on the sheet hanging from the shelf to the right of the entry door. As for the other Tasks please let us know if you are willing to continue doing the additional Volunteer Work you signed up for last year...check the 2022 List on the Garden Room bulletin board. Also we welcome and suggestions as to change or improvements.
- We are very fortunate to have a COMMUNITY Garden .. there is much to learn from the struggle of “doing the work” and much to gain from sharing our experiences with each other. Our gardens are a metaphor for life. There is a poignant authenticity to a well-tended life and a properly cared for garden.

7. Plumbing issue in the gym – Bob, Pat and Alicia met with a contractor. We are expecting a proposal from this company. This project is bigger than expected and could be even bigger once they get into it. Could need to be done in phases. Contractor is not able to touch the work until May or June.

8. Hood River Bridge meeting with Port of HR Director Kevin Greenwood, 2/23/2023

- Need set up chairs, audio, and screen. Set up at 6:00

9. Update on Play Structure – There is a meeting on February 28th.

10. Update on Stage Curtain – Hopefully it will be put in before the 2/23 event. Alicia is in contact with them.

11. Snow removal contract – They have been paid. This issue is resolved.

12. Other Topics

- County website has the UPRD linked to it. Right now it says Underwood Community Council. Asa will get it to say UPRD
- Lodging tax is a valid project for the UPRD. We need to submit paperwork to show how many events and people our events bring to the area. Adam Kick is the contact and says we qualify for these funds.
- Asa has lots of information about Lodging tax funding that the UPRD can access. Applications are in the spring. Asa will get up more info when needed
- Summer Scheyer – Complaint about parking restriction in Underwood Lookout. There is an ordinance to 15 minutes from the hours of 12am-4am. Hopefully this will detour people from undesirable activities during these hours
- Pat will be attending the Lower White Salmon River Coalition meeting on Monday at 1:00
- Ann Leuders will service the AED for us. We do not have a Phillips (which is the brand they service). Would we be able to get a Zoll AED? Waiting for reply. BOB
- We need to recruit some more commissioners. There are 3 positions up for reelection in November

Next meeting March 8th at 6:00

Meeting Adjourned 7:12

Approved

March 8th, 2023

Bob Wittenberg Vern Mohlis

Bob Wittenberg, Chair

Vern Mohlis, Secretary