

Meeting Minutes
Lachat Town Farm Commission
December 7, 2021

Attending: Elizabeth Zeppernick, Chair, Terry Cho, Vice-Chair, Carol Baldwin, Nick Bell, Christina Koether, Ellen McCormick, Kat McConnaughey, Erica Reiner, Alissa Stoltz (absent, Vickie Kelley, Stirling Collins) Guest panelist: Anita Dinwoodie, Events Manager, Lachat Town Farm

Meeting began at 7:32.

Minutes were approved from November 3, 2021.

The Commission welcomed Alissa Stoltz as a new member. Because she is stepping into Kirby's position, her term is one year.

The roles of Commission members were discussed and our chair asked that we think if we would like to continue in our roles and if these roles should be changed.

The schedule for the year ahead of Commission meetings was presented. Carol made a motion to approve this schedule, and Christina seconded it and the motion passed unanimously.

A winter snow removal estimate by Juan Robles and Sons was presented. Carol made a motion to approve recommending this estimate for approval by Friends of Lachat, and Terry seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Carol, President of Friends of Lachat, presented an update on the Offutt Education Center building project.

Anita Dinwoodie, Event Manager at Lachat, reviewed recent events at the farm: the International Festival in October, the Candy Cane Hunt which collected 300 toys for the Domestic Violence Crisis Center, and the Kneads fundraiser. All events were financially successful. Upcoming events are the Winter Market with 30 vendors all outside, and then in 2022 our 3rd annual MLK Day of Service.

Erica Reiner reviewed educational programs and grants being sought. Bee Keeping educational programs for ages 3rd to 4th grade are being pursued to be supported by the Whole Kids Foundation grant from Whole Foods as well as the Bee Cause Project. Funds from the notecard sales will go towards this project. In addition, a nutrition education program and its funding is being researched. These programs hope to be run during 2023.

Erica also confirmed that the Howard and Katherine Aibel Foundation have agreed to fund ongoing education programs in the new Offutt Center as well as funds toward the new building's community room.

Ongoing planning for a new outdoor bunny and possible chicken hutch are in the works with a hope for Spring 2022 completion.

We discussed plans for a Spring Fundraiser – perhaps in conjunction with the blooming of our 6000 tulip bulbs!

Ellen made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Terry. All in favor.

Meeting ended 8:45pm. Minutes humbly submitted by Carol Baldwin.

Minutes approved on January 4, 2022.