Council members present were Andréa Linton, Edward Hueneke, Lynae Slinden, Prescott, Anza Muenchow, Ida Gianopulos.

Members present were J.C. May, David Prisbrey, Gary Ingram, Janet Richards

1. No items were added to the agenda. Prescott led the meeting.

2. Minutes of the December 19, 2019 business meetings were approved with the corrections added by Prescott.

   Minutes of the January 12, 2020 planning meeting had not been reviewed by everyone. They will be approved by email. *Reply to Leah Claire with any corrections by January 23.*

3. Finance Report: Ed shared a Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss created by our new bookkeeper, Sharon Asplund. He is working with her to understand the new report formats.

   Ed again asked everyone to *fill in and return volunteer hour sheets to him (for 2019).* The total volunteer hours are important to show our members how much work we do, and when asking for grants.

   **Ed needs Prescott to follow-up on the registration for SNAP grant.**

4. Market season dates: The group discussed the market season dates and recommend May 3 to October 4, and to have the harvest festival on October 4.

   Prior to the January 16 business meeting, Prescott had asked Kirstin to poll the vendors for the market season 2020 dates. The results were not ready by the business meeting. The group asked that the email be joint with Leah as she is the new Market committee chair. *Prescott to follow up with Kirstin.*

5. Land Stewardship: Ida shared a map of the Tilth campus with a line that she drew showing the tax-exempt portion of the property (western 600 ft, full width of the property). In 2008, the tax-exempt portion was designated as a nature conservancy and must be kept as a natural area allowing scientific research, education, preservation or restoration of native plants and animals. It must be open to the general public and cannot be used for pecuniary benefit (cannot plant with intention to harvest, may not sell any produce at the market).

   The group discussed what activities may or may not be allowed. It was decided that the council would need to review any proposed use for appropriateness and do further
research if necessary. Using the property for purposes outside of what is allowed by the 
tax-exempt status could result in Tilth having to pay back taxes of several years.

FRed as infrastructure/facilities manager reported that there were some potholes to fill in 
the driveway and requested some gravel to be delivered. Gary suggested using concrete to 
fill holes.

Regarding campus security, we discussed lights (not usually effective), cameras (expensive). 
Suggestions were to put up fake cameras and security signs, and also a sign saying “no cash 
on premises.” Anza pointed out that having a live-in caretaker provides security. FRed to 
make some suggestions at the next business meeting.

For the facilities manager – we need to move or remove the red equipment shed before 
construction of the farm stand starts.

FRed presented his proposal to build a chicken coop on the Tilth campus. We discussed the 
legality of selling the eggs at the Tilth market and thought this was ok. It can be double-
checked in the “Green Book” (Handbook for Small and Direct Marketing Farms). The 
council was favorable to the idea and requested that FRed submit a drawing of the 
proposed coop structure and confirm that selling the eggs is legal. Ida suggested that his 
garden plot agreement reflect that he is raising chickens.

6. Mural project update: Prescott communicated with Cherri Forrest and asked her to send 
emails to only her, rather than copying many people on the Tilth mailing list.

7. By-laws review committee: Prescott amended her proposal to review of the by-laws and 
addition of a policies and procedures document (rather than updating the by-laws). The 
council voted to approve this ad-hoc committee. Janet, Andréa, Ida, Lynae offered to help. 
The ad hoc Policy and Procedures committee will have a preliminary report by July with the 
goal to complete the process by the end of 2020.

8. Annual meeting planning: Council approved that Tilth donate the honorarium of $25 to 
OSA (at the request of the speaker, Katie Miller).

Lynae offered to organize a raffle of a Chinese folk print.

Instead of sign-up sheets for committees, the group agreed to present committee activities 
and encourage members to get in touch with committee chairs during the meeting.

9. The next business meeting will be Thursday, February 20, 2020.

10. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted January 21, 2020 by Janet Richards