

SENATOR FRANK L. MADLA, JR. NATURAL AREA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA

Date of Meeting: July 29, 2012
Type of Meeting: Board of Directors Meeting
Place of Meeting: Grey Forest City Hall
Time of Meeting: 6:00 PM.

- ❖ Meeting Called to Order 6:10 PM
- ❖ Recording of Board members Present – Frank Madla, Ron Green, Ron Reinhard, Jennifer Nottingham, Susan Beavin, Don Darst, Storms Duthie
- ❖ Declaration of a Quorum - Yes
- ❖ Secretary's Report – A motion to accept the May 2012 Meeting Minutes was made by Ron Green, seconded by Susan Beavin. The secretary reported that the Edwards Aquifer Landowners Inspection Questionnaire was completed and sent to Fred Wills, the Quarterly Report for April – June was completed and submitted to TPW along with the GCWA 2012 Bird Survey done by Laurie Hawkins and Wendy Leonard.
- ❖ Financial Report – Shannan Kinsley, Grey Forest City Secretary/Treasurer - \$61,549 in the account currently, we have \$826.12 in volunteer hour sheets and \$9,318.86 in expenditures pending submission to TPW.
- ❖ Sub-Committee Status: All activities since the last Board Meeting
 - * Safety/Security – brief discussion of signage for cliff area warning of danger of falling.
 - * Biological Management – Bird Survey submitted discussion of eradication of thistle in field.
 - * Historical – Susan Beavin – No Report
 - * Fundraising – Dr. Frank Madla – Discussion of Pavers for engraving to be used at Pavilion area. Board members who wish to purchase an engraved paver should do so this week on line.
 - * Earth Science – Ron Green – Ron Reinhard reported that GFU will begin work within the next few weeks to fix well and run water lines to pavilion area. The board recommended that the line be extended to the restroom area. The suggested area for the water line was sketched on the drawing and Ron Reinhard will present to Jeff English.
 - * Project Planning Status Report – Don Darst – discussion under Old Business #2
 - * Garden Committee Update – Michael Van Buskirk – no report

Discuss and take action (if necessary) on the following topics:

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1. Old Business: The park is scheduled for an opening the weekend of October 27-28th
 - a. Discuss and take action on the road entry improvements – Estimates from James Swisher – Jen Nottingham contact - Jennifer will ask James Swisher for more details including a drawing of his plans, a written description and details on the footer. She will also touch bases with Rick Stone

with board suggested changes to the fence design for estimates and to verify what will be needed as footer specs. A description of 24" square posts 6' in height for the pillars, 2' rock wall between the posts with 4 foot stripped cedar on top of the rock wall was agreed on for the entry. It was recommended to keep our current gate for the present. Storms Duthie presented visuals of fences found in surrounding areas to consider as well a park signage found in other Hill Country Parks.

- b. Discuss and take action of proposals for additional construction surrounding pavilion – including Circle of Friends, Sidewalks, Driveway area, Garden, etc.

Frank presented a Madla Park Project Cost Estimate document and Cost Estimates. The board addressed the following at this meeting:

Bathroom area – the pipes have been installed for the cedar fence that will provide privacy to the bathroom area. The Cedar Posts will be purchased from New Braunfels West Hill Country Cedar. It was discussed that a 6' by 12' concrete pad would be appropriate for this area. A motion to allocate \$2000 for the construction of the privacy fence and the concrete pad was made by Ron Green and seconded by Jennifer Nottingham – all approved.

Circle of Friends and Walkways – After open discussion by the board, a Motion to allocate \$17,500 for construction of the Circle of Friends and Crushed Granite walkways as per the drawing, installation of the pavers and construct the bridge for the dry creek bed was made by Ron Green, seconded by Jennifer Nottingham and approved by all.

Drive Way area – A motion was made by Ron Green and seconded by Jennifer Nottingham to allocate \$1,600 to complete the circular driveway at the pavilion site. Unanimously approved. Rodney will begin the clearing of brush this week to define the area marked previously for the Circle Drive.

Pavers – A motion to allocate up to \$2500 for the purchase of pavers for the Circle of Friends and the areas on the open sides of the pavilion was made by Ron Green and seconded by Jennifer Nottingham, all approved. Ron Reinhard pointed out that the inclusion of additional pavers may increase the cost upfront, it will be compensated for as people purchase the pavers for engraving.

Misc: The Board is in favor of using natural cedar signage. Ron Reinhard will follow up on the name of the gentleman that does signage at Market Days in Helotes. The Board will meet At the park at 7 AM on August 8th to walk the trails and finalize the names of the trails (Jon Allan trail, Creek Trail, etc.), trail head signage, parking and restroom signage, etc.

Storms reported that the \$1200 needed to complete the ADA certification may be in the form of a donation. Final drawings of the plans will be submitted.

2. New Business: No new business on the agenda.

- ❖ Adjournment – motion to adjourn at 8:15pm by Ron Green with second by Susan Beavin – approved.