

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

Date of Meeting: August 26, 2012  
Type of Meeting: Board of Directors Meeting  
Place of Meeting: Grey Forest City Hall  
Time of Meeting: 6:07 PM.

- ❖ Meeting Called to Order by Ron Green
- ❖ Recording of Board members Present – Don Darst, Ron Reinhard, Ron Green, Susan Beavin, Jennifer Nottingham, Storms Duthie, Frank Madla
- ❖ Declaration of a Quorum
- ❖ Secretary's Report – July Meeting Minutes approved, August 8 Special Meeting Minutes approved with change to one sentence – Jen Nottingham made motion, seconded by Susan Beavin
- ❖ Financial Report – Shannan Kinsley, Grey Forest City Secretary/Treasurer – balance \$61,341.73. \$9,995.91 ready to file with TPW, \$1,391.36 in volunteer hours and \$1,400 in volunteer services. Budget will be given to City of Grey Forest tomorrow. We should plan to have all receipts into TPW for reimbursement no later that May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013.
- ❖ Sub-Committee Status: All activities since the last Board Meeting
  - \* Safety/Security – no report
  - \* Biological Management – Lonnie Shockly and the “invaders” will be addressing the Cane issue in the creek on Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>. They will require a permit for biologicals that will be handled by Stan Goodson, owner of Apple Pest Control. Jen will check with Chief Rutledge and / or Laurie Hawkins on August 27, 2012 to see if a flat bed trailer can be parked on location that day.
  - \* Historical – Susan Beavin – no report
  - \* Fundraising – Dr. Frank Madla – The pavers have been ordered and be ready the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of September. The board approved an amount of \$2500 at the last meeting for this project. Cost are: \$1,197.96 for the smaller blank pavers, \$930.50 for larger pavers and \$220 for delivery of 4 pallets (refund of \$60 per pallet will be issued if pallets are returned). Frank submitted a receipt for reimbursement of \$481.75 for ½ payment of the larger engraved pavers. Future Alamo Concrete Pavers (1008 Hoefgen, San Antonio, Tx 78210 (210-534-8821) invoices should be sent to City Hall for reimbursement from the Madla Park account – Linda Darst contacted Peggy at Alamo Pavers with this request.  
The information for ordering pavers by citizens should be present at the Anniversary party for the City on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, as well as copies of newsletters. Frank will drop more pamphlets at City Hall this week. Ron Green will work on a poster representing the Madla Natural Area. Don Darst will provide image of “Field of Dreams” painting. It was agreed that the poster should mention “opening in late 2012”. Susan Beavin will prepare an updated Newsletter for distribution at the anniversary event..
  - \* Earth Science – Ron Green – Ron Reinhard reported that the pipe has been ordered for the well by Grey Forest Utilities, Jeff English will visit the site this week and work should begin in two weeks. Ron will follow up with GFU this week regarding and estimate of distance for electric to be done at the time of the water.
  - \* Project Planning Status Report – Don Darst Don will follow up with contractors Rodney Madla and Conrad Ochoa to coordinate efforts in moving forward with the Circle of Friends rock work, marking

the circle driveway with orange paint and stakes (initial grading appears to be larger than planned, taking care not to harm the Burr Oak or get too close to the pavilion).

\* Garden Committee Update – Michael Van Buskirk – not present but plan and idea was shared with board members.

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

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1. Old Business:

a. Discuss and take action on the paver/circle of friends project, specifically discussion about including pavers for park board and city council. – Frank Madla. Discussion regarding the recognition of the City Council/Mayors involved in the project and Board Members since the beginning of the project was approved. Two large pavers will be ordered and paid for by the Madla Park funds. Linda Darst will create this on a template and send to board for approval.

b. Discuss and take action on any additional construction needs – see project planning report and The cedar post have been ordered from West Cedar Post Yard (2332 Texas 46, New Braunfels, Tx. 78130 (830)629-7678). 18 Stripped Cedar post for the bathroom surround and 12 poles for the signage – the amount of this order is \$1040 plus \$100 for delivery. Drop off is scheduled for September 3<sup>rd</sup> (will check on this date as it is a holiday). Linda Darst will contact West Cedar Post and have an invoice sent to the City for reimbursement from the Madla Park account. Linda will also contact Brenda Reinhard or Ken Dempsey to obtain the name of the person that makes cedar signs to obtain estimates for the trail signage.

Jen Nottingham will talk with Chief Rutledge regarding having the trail heads mowed. Frank will follow up to see if the Auger is available to put in post marking trails. Trail names other than the Jon Allen trail will be discussed at the next board meeting.

The gate and entry fence discussion agreed that the markings done on site by James Swisher were in line with what was decided at the last meeting. Jen will follow up with Rick Stone regarding the look of the fence and obtain a written estimate for the work. The fence will have 18' square post at the drive way and end of each side of the entry. The post at the gate will be 6' tall with a cap, the post at the ends will be 4' tall with a cap – there will be an 18" tall wall between the two posts. Cedar will be added above the 18" wall. Don will contact Vertex to find out the name of the rock used at the pavilion and provide to Jen for inclusion on the bid by Rick Stone.

There was a discussion of what to do about opening the park during "Bird Season" and how to allow foot traffic in the park during this time. A proposal of placing two metal post further back beyond the entry way with a cable or chain was discussed – this would allow parking of three cars on each side of the driveway. Ron Reinhard is checking on the TPW requirements regarding opening of the park during this season.

2. New Business:

a. Discuss and take action on preparing a 2012 budget for presentation to the City – Ron Reinhard. The Board is presenting the budget amount of \$92,262 for park improvements to the Council and Mayor for inclusion to the City Budget per guidelines in Ordinance #180, section 1, 12-C. This budget amount is based on the current balance of \$61,341.73 in the Madla Account and the TPW guidelines of reimbursement of 50% monies spent and additional credit for volunteer hours and volunteer services. The motion was made by Jen Nottingham and seconded by Ron Green.

b. Discuss and take action regarding heavy infestation of Malta star-thistle on north side of pavilion. – Jen Nottingham. Jen reported that this particular thistle is an annual and the best way to handle it's spread is by early mowing in the spring and taking care not to spread the seed in late summer/fall.

❖ Adjournment at 8:03 pm, Motion by Storms Duthie, second by Ron Green