

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

Date of Meeting: January 27, 2013
Type of Meeting: Board of Directors Meeting
Place of Meeting: Grey Forest City Hall
Time of Meeting: 6:00 PM.

- ❖ Meeting Called to Order 6:03 PM
- ❖ Recording of Board Members Present – *Ron Green, Ron Reinhard, Storms Duthie, Frank Madla, Don Darst, Jennifer Nottingham, Kyle Cunningham, Susan Beavin*
- ❖ Declaration of a Quorum - *yes*
- ❖ Secretary's Report – *December Meeting Minutes & January 13th Special Meeting Minutes Approved as presented – Motion by Don Darst, second by Susan Beavin*
- ❖ Financial Report – *Shannan Kinsley, Grey Forest City Secretary/Treasurer – TPW reimbursement of \$11,599.18 – Don Darst presented spread sheet of expected expenditures.*
- ❖ Sub-Committee Status: All activities since the last Board Meeting

* Safety/Security – *An area for Helicopter pad has been mowed, – suggestions of blocking area near the old house during the opening.*

* Biological Management – *Bird Survey - Laurie will do this again for 2013; she will also seed this spring for short grasses in this area so that mowing will not be as necessary.*

* Historical – *Susan Beavin - No report*

* Fundraising – *Dr. Frank Madla – Conservancy Update Conservancy has \$4,285.92 in general fund and approx. \$900 in administrative, will be transferring over \$4,000 to the General Madla Park Fund. Discussion of pricing for pavers and boulder benches. Small Engraved Pavers are \$75; Large Engraved Pavers are \$250 with up to 4 names listed on each. Boulder Benches will be \$1,000 with a plate signifying the Donor. Ron Green is working on the Map to designate locations for boulder benches that will be at the Conservancy tent at the opening. We will have Don Taylor's Bench as example at the Opening in March. Frank reported that the volunteers will be wearing Madla T Shirts on the day of the opening, Board Members will have badges with their name and Board Member engraved.*

* Earth Science – *Ron Green No Report*

* Project Planning Manager Status Report– *Don Darst Will be covered in Old Business section*

* Trails Committee – *Jen Nottingham - . Paths to the pavilion have been mowed as well as trails.*

* Landscape Committee – *Storms Duthie No Report*

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

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1. Old Business:

a. Entrance site report: concrete, stone, electronic entry, gate - *Concrete is scheduled to be poured on Monday. Chief Rutledge sent a report that Hill Country Fence presented a bid of \$3770 for electronic openers, gate, etc. Don will follow up with Chief Rutledge for drawings, specifics, etc.*

b. March 9th Official Opening updates from Special Meeting “to-do” lists, Invitees, Invitations, Program, Signage, Fundraising, Volunteer List, Trails Brochure (David Mac Dermott), etc. *Franks reported that Jesse Horstman is OK about parking in their property for the March 9 opening, she has a question regarding liability insurance, same for the Madla Property parking. Ron Reinhard will check with TML on one day coverage for the event.*

Frank met with a group of volunteers that will be assisting with preparation for the opening and opening activities. HEB volunteered water, tea and punch and ice. We also have a volunteer for Wild Game Hordourves. Party City will furnish plates, tablecloths and cups. (Green)

Suggestions – We will need Walkie Talkies, Police to guide traffic off Scenic Loop Road to either parking on Menchaca or at the Madla Ranch (Don will talk to the Chief about this). We will also need a podium (possibly from the fire station), microphone.

Don Darst reported that a bus for the opening to transport guest from the parking areas to the park would cost \$90/hr. Jennifer Nottingham made the motion to allow \$450 for the bus for the opening, seconded by Ron Green, all approved.

February 9th will be a work day, Frank Madla has a volunteer group with two skid loaders who will work on the general clean up of the area including putting native field stone around the parameter of the drive, dry creek beds, etc. Frank will notify Brenda Reinhard and Sue Peavey of the scheduled event. Jennifer Nottingham made a motion for \$1,000 to be allotted for Native Field Stone to be used in finishing these projects, 2nd by Frank Madla – all approved. Storms will call Garza or I-10 to price out the stone and obtain delivery information. We will need it delivered by February 8th. Robert McConnaughay will work on getting the piles of Mulch loaded and taken to Burning Bush or to the dumpsters – Don Darst will check with Chief Rutledge regarding the clean up and use of City Dumpster. Pea Gravel will be given away. Volunteers will load Pea Gravel into pick-up trucks of those wishing to have some on that day. The existing pea gravel on the path behind the pavilion will be spread and thinned out so that it is easier to walk on. The chipped rock will be spread out. Cedar post will be moved into the wooded area out of site. Unused pavers may be able to be returned. Four small 10x10 tents can be used for the various stations (Conservancy, Historic, Trail Brochures, Food and Beverages). A 20 x 40 tent can be used behind the pavilion with winter rye grass planted in the area. We will have media coverage through KABB29 – Cassandra Blazenby.

The invitation list was discussed and sent to all board members, still waiting for some entries of dignitaries and Menchaca Residents. Ron Green presented the design by David Mac Dermott. It was decided to move forward with a large postcard design (5 ½ by 8 ½) with the Field of Dream painting on the front and white lettering of:

*Grand Opening and Dedication
Senator Frank L Madla Jr
Natural Area*

The back would have time, place and small map on one side and address space on the other. The invitations can be printed at City Hall. Susan

c. General Updates – Boulders, Electrical, Fencing, etc. Jennifer Nottingham will check with Jeff English at GFU for a status report of the boulders from Vulcan and when the electric work might be started

d. Discuss Robert McConnaughay's proposal for onsite residence – It was determined that we need a general inspection of the historical buildings to see what may need to be done for them to be used.

2. New Business:

a. Entry Design, Victor Simonis – Presentation. Information regarding Kurt Pankratz and drawings from David Mac Dermott.

Jennifer Nottingham presented Victor Simonis drawing of his proposal for the gate area at a cost of \$2000, Ron Green presented the ideas from David Mac Dermott, and Don Darst mentioned a black smith in Leon Springs – Kurt Pankratz. It was decided at this time to go with the 22" by 5'9" Cedar sign to be added to the cedar post of the entry as presented but without the symbol of the feather and plant. A motion by Ron Green to allow up to \$500 for routing the lettering be allowed, 2nd by Jennifer Nottingham – all approved. This will be coordinated with Rodney Madla, David Mac Dermott and Ron Green.

b. Preservation Committee discussion including recommendations and review of the Building Inspector's Report as it relates to AC/Heat, Septic.

A general inspection that will include electrical, roofing, plumbing, septic, termite, etc needs to be done. Storms Duthie will contact an independent inspector and get this scheduled. A motion

was made to allow \$325 for this work by Ron Green, 2nd by Kyle Cunningham – all approved. After the inspection, we would need to get an estimate of what it would cost to make the building habitable before proceeding.

We will meet again in two weeks, on February 10th at 6pm at City Hall.

Adjournment at 8:25pm Motion by Ron Green, seconded by Kyle Cunningham