

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

Date of Meeting: March 31, 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 by Ron Green at 6:07pm
- ❖ Recording of Board Members Present – Don Darst, Storms Duthie, Ron Green, Jennifer Nottingham, Susan Beavin, Kyle Cunningham
- ❖ Declaration of a Quorum - yes
- ❖ Secretary's Report – approval of minutes from January 27, 2013 regular Meeting, February 10, 2013 special Meeting, February 24, 2013 regular meeting and March 3, 2013 Special Meeting.
- ❖ Financial Report – Revenue on Hand - \$31,757.88.
- ❖ TPW reimbursement ready to be filed through March 31, 2013:
 - Volunteer Hours - \$10,347.54
 - Equipment & Donation values - \$8,759.67
 - Invoiced Expenditures - \$21,853.58

- ❖ Sub-Committee Status: All activities since the last Board Meeting
 - * Safety/Security – no report
 - * Biological Management – we may not need a chain across the entry lane to the pavilion for the Golden Cheeked Warblers and the visitation to the park is only several cars a day at this time. Cowbird trap is in place with 11 birds in residence this morning.
 - * Historical – Susan Beavin - no report
 - * Fundraising – Dr. Frank Madla – no report
 - * Earth Science – Ron Green – no report
 - * Project Planning Manager Status Report– Don Darst – can be removed from future agendas
 - * Trails Committee – Jen Nottingham – trails are looking walked on, more signage is needed (see Old Business)
 - * Landscape Committee – Storms Duthie – A committee has been formed to water every 3 days. Put on next months agenda the topic of the Butterfly Garden. Storms will follow up with Gaye Massengil and Mikel Henderson who have volunteered to look into this project.

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 – Frank reported that the main gate support structure appears to be held with epoxy; another board member thought it had been welded. Agreed that this should be investigated and placed on the agenda again for next month. Don reported that he will check with Ryan Quick again regarding coming back to trim post at entry gate and install fence sections between the existing fence and the corner rock posts – Shannan is holding final payment until changes are made. Jen with check with the Police Chief as to the status of the cameras being installed at the entry.

The Board would like for Ron Reinhard to get a firm estimate from GFU on running the electric to the pavilion from the existing house – this will be used to determine if the Board wants to continue with plans for electrical and if so – what portions can be pre-paid before our June deadline for filing with TPW. This item will be on the April agenda

b. Signage – The board discussed the addition of various trail signs and arrows. She will talk with Rodney about having these made and installed to identify trails more clearly. She will report back at

the next meeting. A motion to allow up to \$700 for additional trail signs was made by Jennifer Nottingham and seconded by Don Darst. After more discussion Kyle Cunningham made a motion to add \$300 to the previous motion of \$700, raising the total to \$1000, seconded by Don Darst...all approved.

The TPW sign should be placed along the right side of the drive way on two stripped cedar posts. Shannan has the sign at city hall; Jen will speak with Frank and Rodney regarding the placement of the sign.

Jen and Susan will check with several other parks to see how they handle the signage as it relates to rules – No Smoking, No Alcohol, Pets on leashes, No Camping, No Campfires, No Firearms, etc. This will be on the April Agenda.

Durable Blazes for the trails will be added to the April agenda addressed at that time. Ron Green will check with David MacDermitt for ideas, proposals and a sample product.

Rick Stone will charge \$35/hr to chisel areas in the Boulders for permanent marker plaques to be placed. If it was determined that more information was needed before making a decision. The markers should be ordered, shown to Rick and then a firm estimate should be obtained.

c. Opening and Debrief – estimated 200 – 250 people present. We need to send Thank You notes to all those who made it such a success – Madla Family and Jesse Horstman for parking, Caterer, HEB, etc. Please send your list of those who need Thank You notes to Linda Darst in the next week or two and she will write them for the board.

d. Discuss and act on Continuing Maintenance items – Jen will discuss trash pickup with the Police Chief, do we want to continue with the current situation – is it being picked up on Menchaca Road, does it have to be transported?

Don reported that he will contact the portalet people again about having the current one switched out with a newer edition, it is cleaned every Saturday.

The Board will meet for a work day on Sunday the 7th of April 10AM at the park to clean the mulch from around the existing old structure and cover windows with plywood. We will discuss at the April meeting “How do we keep it rolling and where do we go from here”. A list of all Maintenance Items will be discussed, please send them to Linda Darst for addition to the agenda.

e. Discussion of Barber property listing – Jen Nottingham received a message from the realtor that the price had been reduced on the Barber property from \$69,900 to \$49,900. After a discussion, it was determined that we need to talk with San Antonio since this property would be a link between Rancho Diana and the Madla Natural Area. Jen will talk with Chris Holmes regarding the City of San Antonio, CAB. It was felt that the price of \$49,900 was still inflated, given the fact that there are toxic materials that need to be cleaned up. Follow up will be place on the next agenda.

2. New Business:

a. Establishing Natural Area rules and signage – Smoking, Alcohol, Pets, Bicycles, Golden Cheek Warblers, etc. – covered under Old Business – see notes above.

b. Discuss and act on how to store left over Building Materials (pavers, peeled cedar posts) Don will check with Frank to see if the pavers can be returned to Alamo Concrete before they disappear. Storms has approximately 20 peeled cedar post stored in his garage. Some will be used for putting up additional signs in the park. It was suggested that perhaps Board Members could buy the left over posts after all signs are installed.

Motion to adjourn by Kyle Cunningham, seconded by Don Darst. Adjourned at 7:36 pm