

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

Date of Meeting: Nov 29, 2015  
Type of Meeting: Board of Directors Meeting  
Place of Meeting: Grey Forest City Hall  
Time of Meeting: 6:00 PM.

- ❖ Call to Order – 6:10
- ❖ Recording of Board – Susan Beavin, Kyle Cunningham, Don Darst, Storms Duthie, Ron Green, Jen Nottingham
- ❖ Declaration of a Quorum
- ❖ Secretary's Report
- ❖ Financial Report – reviewed; Jen and Susan will contact Shannan re a different format for the Financial Report
- Conservancy Report – Don Darst reported \$1,785.80 before the Fundraiser; current \$2,343.25 with \$1,209.55 in PayPal. The Fundraiser raised \$1,775 which included a \$200. Donation. Still need to pay the Square, PayPal and the Conservancy will keep 10% for Administrative purposes..

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

*(This notice is posted pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act -Texas Government Code 551)*

1. Unfinished Business:

Frank Madla: (absent)

Pavers were installed on the Nov 7<sup>th</sup> Workday; still need what to do with the extra blank pavers. Board should consider purchasing a metal shed where the pavers, broken benches; historic boards, etc could be stored. Possibly the Fire Department will donate one.

Don Darst:

Madla Conservancy Website update - Don Darst reported there were a few kinks in PayPal, but worked; will want to have a donor list; list of volunteers; subscriber list; and will post notices on the site.

Jen Nottingham:

Trails Committee update – signage – Completed and still have 7 usable boards left. She suggested we have someone unfamiliar with the trails to walk them with us and note where any additional signs might be installed. Signs should be GPSed. Hope to have markers for key plants that will coordinate with the list used by the San Antonio Parks Dept. Possibly an app for that in the future.

Fundraiser Report and Suggestion for Future Events: (see above) – Posting on Grey Forest Nextdoor and the Madla Conservancy on Facebook helped, but the website and PayPal was key. Ron Green stated we should think bigger. Two Annual Fundraisers: Spring Fling and a Fall Fair. Tickets priced at \$100.00. Ron G will contact George Veni for the spring. We could use SLPC, Josabi's or Wine 101. For the fall, we could have a Stargazer event. Could also host a "Friend-maker" event at a different time that could involve families. Storms will check with a professional fundraiser

Needs for the Cottage – Susan has gathered general kitchen supplies and utensils for the Cottage. Jen suggested we could get dinnerware at the Goodwill. Storms stated that Tita Bowman will repair the tile work on the "pond" and the niches outside the Cottage. The entry gate for the Cottage needs repair. The picnic bench needs to be removed and we need additional benches and tables.

Storms:

Landscaping – Storms found a group of UTSA students who will care for the landscaping around the Pavilion and they will make suggestions for maintenance, planting, etc.

2. New Business: Need to check the expiration dates for all Board members.

Adjournment

The Board may close the Meeting and hold an Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code, which permits closed meetings pursuant to Section 551.071 for the purposes of consulting with its attorney, Section 551.072 – deliberating about real property, Section 551.073 – deliberating about gifts and donations, Section 551.074 – deliberating about personnel matters, Section 551.075 – deliberating contracts and Section 551.076 – deliberating about security devices, to discuss matters as Executive Session matters in this agenda.