

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

Date of Meeting: November 27, 2016  
Type of Meeting: Board of Directors Regular Meeting  
Place of Meeting: Grey Forest City Hall  
Time of Meeting: 6:00 PM.

- ❖ Call to Order – Ron Green called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
- ❖ Recording of Board – Ron Green, John Chaffee, Susan Beavin, Storms Duthie, Jennifer Nottingham, and Bill Hoover.
- ❖ Declaration of a Quorum – a quorum was present
- ❖ Secretary's Minutes of 30 October 16 were approved as distributed.
- ❖ Financial Report – Jen noted payment for generator battery in Nov. Susan discussed increase of internet payment (AT&T); Bill requested a statement for thorough review.
- ❖ Conservancy Report (Bylaws, Board, etc.) – No report.

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

- Biological Management – Jen reported on successful November workday and reminded Board of upcoming prescribed burn in January. She requested more money for seeds in the Spring. Discussion held regarding the generating still not functioning properly. Bill and John will investigate the issue. Storms will work to resolve the pavilion's non-functioning electrical outlets after the generator is fixed. Ron G. will contact Don Darst re: proper function of the rain water harvesting.
- Cottage Committee – Storms noted the cottage paint is weathering and should be painted in the coming months. The roof needs attention as well. The road needs to be finished... Ron G will ask Frank Madla about status. Storms received a bid from Artco for the Hikers' Cottage at \$22,000. Bill recommended getting bids on painting and roof repair from Artco, and any other recommendations for repairs/maintenance from them. Storms will work on this over the next couple of months.
- Landscape – See discussion in Bio. Mgt. above.
- Trails – Ron G and Rick of Raba Kistner looked at site for potential trail bridge. Raba Kistner is donating time and some equipment use. Ron will get a recommendation for best type of steel to purchase for the project, and get costs for bridge piers and steel, and composite for steps. He'll report next month. It was noted that the signage style needs follow-up. Jen noted that about 100 feet of the fence along Scenic Loop (between Park and neighboring property) is down. Ron G requested follow-up on an upcoming work day.
- Technical – John added some new pics and will add the monthly workday, 9-11 a.m., 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Susan requested updated pictures of the Pavilion area and to add the park brochure and map. She will send him digital versions of these, the rental agreement, and Star Party pictures for posting.
- City Police Department – Cottage cameras need cleaning; the Chief will follow-up. No other new activity.
- City Public Works – Chris cut overhead clearance and mowed at entrance; he mowed beginning of trails at Pavilion and replaced the generator's battery.

2. New Business

- No updates on potential Helotes school outreach and potential Air Force Squadron assistance
- Website discussed in Technical Report (see above)
- Report from Mitch next meeting
- Ron G said Frank Madla gave a \$250 donation, well over the cost of drinks for the Star Party. Board members expressed concerns about hikers breaking small oak branches on trails, because of potential oak wilt. Fundraising needs and sources were discussed.

3. Next Agenda

- Mitch [with City] to report on security cameras and potential options
- April fundraiser
- Update on potential Helotes school outreach and potential Air Force Squadron assistance if available

Adjournment - There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.  
Elaine Daniel, Secretary

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.