

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

Date of Meeting: January 08, 2017

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 6:02 PM.
- ❖ Recording of Board – Ron Green, Ron Reinhard, John Chaffee, Susan Beavin, Storms Duthie, Jennifer Nottingham, and Bill Hoover.
- ❖ Declaration of a Quorum – a quorum was present
- ❖ Secretary’s Minutes of 27 November 16 were approved as distributed.
- ❖ Financial Report – Susan handed out the 1st quarter of 2016-17 fiscal year report which was reviewed by all.
- ❖ Conservancy Report (Bylaws, Board, etc.) – Frank is processing the required tax form that was mailed to Shannan. It is recommended for the Conservancy to change the address so that tax forms are mailed directly to their PO Box. Susan requests again for the Conservancy to post their Bylaws.

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

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1. Reports

- Biological Management – Jen was out of town for a month and needs to water. Grey Forest Volunteer Fire Dept. is working to determine best burn date, and is expected to be end of January. Jen will alert UTSA contact and Laurie Hawkins for potential volunteer assistance with the burn, but recommends a brief safety training be held on site, the day of.
- Cottage – Storms turned the heat on in the cottage, which had been turned off in error [not known who]. Grey Forest police changed the cottage and gate lock combinations because of personnel change, and the gate code was given out to the board. Storms handed out the estimate for the “Madla Park Observation Pavilion,” and expects a quote from Artco for painting the cottage. He said the base left on the road has still not been moved; discussion was held and determined that Storms would offer it to the nearby Monte Alto community. He also reported that the gate had been repaired.
- Landscape – There will be a workday on Jan. 21, 9-11 a.m. Ron R requested that Shannan be alerted a week prior so that a notice would be placed on the marquee. Jen and Ron R discussed asking Chris [Public Works] to cut a wide swatch in the Raymond Burr Circle. Bill talked to GF Utilities about fixing the generator with a charge controller, and he’ll get an estimate to Ron R when he receives it.
- Trails – Ron G handed out the preliminary cost estimate for the “Madla Park Pedestrian Bridge.” He said that if the Board does the labor over a period of time, the cost would be approx. \$20K rather the \$43K for materials and labor. The Board will attempt to get required piers in by March. They discussed seeking grants and/or large donations for the bridge project.
- Technical – John fixed some technical issues, will put up new Park pictures as people send them in, and will put a notice about the upcoming burn when he receives the information.
- City Police Department – No report.
- City Public Works – No report.

2. Unfinished Business

- Mitch told Ron R that the recorder in the security camera(s) had failed and the manufacturer is out of business. Ron R will seek help to read the recorder. A new system may need to be purchased, or it may cost \$2-4,000 to fix the 2 cameras affected. Ron R will confirm exactly how many cameras are affected by the failed recorder.
- April Fundraiser – Storms reserved Scenic Loop Café for April 1, and selected menu items. Ron G will discuss exact topic for Dixie Watkins’ presentation. Sponsors are needed for the event, and GF Utilities and Raba Kistner will be approached again. Sponsorship levels were confirmed as: Golden Cheek Warbler, \$500; Black-capped Vireo, \$250.
- Helotes school outreach: Susan is having conversations with various people, but nothing has been determined or identified yet. Ron G talked to Madeleine who will follow-up with Susan with some ideas. Air Force Squadron assistance: no follow-up.

3. Next Agenda

- Fence repair [Scenic Loop Road]

Adjournment - There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 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.