

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

Date of Meeting: January 29, 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 6:05 PM.
- ❖ Recording of Board – Ron Green, Ron Reinhard, Matt Baker, Susan Beavin, Storms Duthie, Bill Hoover, and Jennifer Nottingham.
- ❖ Declaration of a Quorum – a quorum was present
- ❖ Secretary’s Minutes of 8 January 17 were approved as distributed.
- ❖ Financial Report – Brief discussion reviewing accurate status of finances
- ❖ Conservancy Report (Bylaws, Board, etc.) – Don Darst has taken the responsibility for processing the required tax form that was mailed to Shannan. Susan will follow-up with Don about bylaws. Discussion was held on procedure to follow about Laurie Hawkins’ company hiring someone to help with park maintenance and how that might be worked out with the Conservancy in the form of donation. Ron R will call Laurie to discuss and follow-up.
- ❖ Two guests had informational presentations for the Board:
 - Mitch Thornton presented details on the repair options for the 2 cameras that aren’t working, and confirmed that 6 cameras at the cottage remain functional. After discussion it was determined that Mitch will get a quote for 2 cameras (possibly with a solar panel) and research that these would be easily replaced if needed. He will also get a quote for a larger battery box and look into the option for a Wi-Fi hotspot.
 - Brenda Reinhard presented the status of her work on the April Fundraiser Silent Auction. She has a small committee (herself, Pat Baker and Madeleine McClosky). They are aiming for 15 quality items with some door prizes possibly a few smaller items. She needs more volunteers for the check-out table. She will contact the Conservancy to ensure they provide her with Square for processing credit cards. Elaine will give Terri McDevitt’s contact info to Brenda in case she can help with fundraising, especially regarding sponsors.
- 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. Reports

- Biological Management – Jen reported the workday in January went well. February 18 is next workday. New combination was given out for the chain lock on road near pavilion.
- Cottage – Storms said the cottage is rented on February 11. Ron G offered the use of the cottage to the Friends of Government Canyon group. Susan had a request from Grey Forest Utilities who wants to use the park for their 50th Anniversary in April. She will have GFU provide the Board the details for approval.
- Landscape – The planting of natives will take place around the last frost with focus on enhancing the Raymond Burr Circle.
- Trails – No report.
- Technical – No report.
- City Police Department – No report.
- City Public Works – No report.

2. Unfinished Business

- Security Cameras discussed at Mitch’s presentation, see above.
- April Fundraiser – Ron G would like to see a picture of piers which would be used for the planks of the proposed E. trail bridge displayed for fundraising. Also, pictures of the Park would be great to display. He will get the speaker info to Storms and John for posting.
- Helotes school outreach: No action.

3. New Business

- Ron G will repair the fence with his leftover wire.

4. Next Agenda

- Discuss generator status

Adjournment - There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 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.