

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

Date of Meeting: January 27, 2019

Type of Meeting: Board of Directors Special 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 6:07 PM
- ❖ Recording of Board – Storms Duthie, Ron Green, Chris Porter, Jen Nottingham, Phil Howard and Kelly Dawley
- ❖ A Quorum was present.
- ❖ Secretary's Minutes of December 30, 2018 – Minutes approved with 2 changes
- ❖ Financial Report – No report
- ❖ Conservancy Report (Bylaws, Board, etc.) – Kelly reported general information about the bank balance.

Kate Feist was in attendance to discuss the 2019 Fundraiser. Matthew Stockwell and his father were in attendance to request reimbursement funds for the kiosk, which Matthew did at the beginning of the meeting.

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

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1. Reports

- Biological & Landscape Management – Jen reported that on Work Day, much work was done to maintain the seven planted trees which were at risk of water saturation. Laurie Hawkins will make a site visit to assess. In the next couple of months, the invasive thistle will be pulled. Kelly will find a resource to repair the generator.
- Cottage Committee – No report
- Trails Committee – Storms reported that maintenance on a few trail markers needs to be completed.
- Technical Committee – No report
- City Police Department – No report
- City Public Works – No report

2. Unfinished Business

- New Board Member search – Jen posted a notice for New Board Member Search on Nextdoor Grey Forest. Kate Feist is the only known applicant. She will send her information to Shannan. The Board will revisit next month.
- Cottage roof – Storms reported that installation will begin on January 29.
- “A Winter Evening in Texas” Fundraiser – Storms confirmed that as Grey Moss wouldn't open in time for the January date, a new date of February 7 was selected. The restaurant still isn't opened, however, so he is waiting to pursue more ticket sales until it opens. There are 30 sold out of 50 tickets available. If the restaurant doesn't open for the 7th, the event will be cancelled and monies returned to ticket holders.
- 2019 Fundraiser Planning – Kate reported that advertising is posted in several resources, including the Madla website. Storms will post the sign at the park. Ron will give Kate the speaker's email address. Storms reported that GFU will donate money to cover the food portion. Ron reported that Raba Kistner is under new ownership; he will find out if they will be a donor this year. Kate will email re: separate meeting for the Board to discuss fundraiser action items.

3. New Business

- Discuss & take action on Report from 2019 Fundraiser Auction Committee – Jen reported on items received for the auction. Discussion was held re: various items Board members are pursuing for the auction.
- Discuss Report on optional Communications Committee – After brief discussion, a motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to rename the Technical Committee the Communications Committee. Kelly reported she is managing the website now after discussion with John Chaffee. Chris recommended that for branding purposes, “Madla Park” will be used primarily on published documents, with the full name of the natural area printed in smaller print. Kelly passed around a few options of images for the Board to consider developing a logo, and it was discussed that finding graphic design help would benefit the process. Also discussed was what other information would be good to post on the website and/or the kiosk, such as monthly work days, migration return of birds to Madla, request for picture from park attendees for the website, etc.
- Discuss & take action on presentation & request for financial support for kiosk from prospective Eagle Scout Matthew Stockwell – After discussion, it was determined that Jen would email Matthew Stockwell to offer assistance with a “Kiosk Dedication Ceremony” at which the Board would provide hot dogs and drinks supplies and advertisement of the event if Matthew organizes it and puts out a collection jar to raise reimbursement funds. A motion to fund the food supplies was made, seconded and unanimously passed.

- Discuss the well house's roof condition – Storms reported the need for a new roof. He got a bid of \$520. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed approving this expenditure.
- Discuss whether to join GEAA – After discussion it was determined that it could be beneficial for the Conservancy to join GEAA, and they would need to take this topic up at a Conservancy meeting.

Next Workday will be February 16, 2019.

Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 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.