

GREY FOREST COMMUNITY (GFC) SUPERVISORY BOARD

DATE OF MEETING: THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 2020

TYPE OF MEETING: SUPERVISORY BOARD MEETING

PLACE OF MEETING: GREY FOREST COMMUNITY CENTER

18249 SHERWOOD TRAIL

GREY FOREST, TEXAS 78023

TIME OF MEETING: 6:30 P.M.

(A QUORUM OF THE CITY OF GREY FOREST, CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS MAY BE PRESENT AT THE MEETING)

o MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON AT 6:30

o RECORDING OF BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Sean Skaggs, Phil Howard, Kristin Marshall, Peter Carey, Madeline McCloskey

o DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

o APPROVAL OF MINUTES AS AMENDED - DECEMBER 5, 2019- 1st: Peter Carey 2nd: Kristin Marshall, unanimously approved

o PRESENTATIONS BY CITIZENS AND VISITORS

Laurie Hawkins advised that she has reached out to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Healthy Creeks Initiative with the goal of obtaining information to help remove arundo. No private citizen, as a volunteer, will be allowed to utilize herbicide on city property. San Antonio River Authority does not currently participate in the Healthy Creeks Initiative, so it could be a lengthy process to wait and go through SARA. Laurie reached out to Hill Country Alliance in Fredericksburg and learned HCA uses a specific contractor for application of herbicide.

o FINANCIAL REPORTS

o BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Peter Carey has removed another 20 trees and ligustrum in the pocket park across from his home. As a result, mulch is available to the public.

Madeline McCloskey advised Matt Galvan is scheduled to come out mid-January. He has already removed a problem sycamore tree. The cedar elm has been planted and mulched in the pocket park behind Grey Moss Inn.

o 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)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. DISCUSS AND ACT ON BIDS FOR COMMUNITY CENTER PORCH LIGHTS

Sean Skaggs talked to three electricians who advised they were too busy during the holidays and would get back to him in early January. Sean expects to obtain bids in the next 2 weeks. The goal is to get the porch lights working and have motion-sensor lights which will illuminate the front corners of the community center, the access ramp, and the front walkway.

2. DISCUSS AND ACT ON HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY REPORT

Laurie Hawkins requested that Phil Howard submit his report revisions. She will then submit the report to the board for eventual submission to Grey Forest City Council.

NEW BUSINESS

3. DISCUSS AND ACT ON DEBRIS REMOVAL IN FRONT OF WEIRS AND DEEP SPRINGS DAM

Per Laurie Hawkins, the “one-step excavation method” does not require permits. Madeline McCloskey advised we are currently waiting for the Deep Springs Dam to dry out before scheduling gravel/debris removal. Madeline will ask Bubba Rutledge to identify a location where excavated gravel/debris can be stored. Jennifer Nottingham will check whether Madla Park could utilize some of the fill.

Peter Carey moved to approve gravel/debris removal utilizing the one-step excavation method once a storage location can be identified for the fill. Kristin Marshall seconded. Unanimously approved.

4. DISCUSS AND ACT ON GFCB REPORT TO CITIZENS

The report is still being drafted. Once finalized, the report will be emailed to citizens. Hard copies will be mailed to the few citizens who have not yet provided email addresses to the city clerk.

5. DISCUSS AND ACT ON 2020 GOALS

The following goals were suggested:

- Address the old well house next to the community center
- Obtain weather-proof patio furniture
- Build a cedar plank surround for the port-a-potty, similar to what was built at Madla Park
- Consider installing a motion-sensor light in the dog park to deter unwanted activity during darkness.

6. DISCUSS AND ACT ON BASEBALL FIELD USAGE FOR UPCOMING YEAR

One local team has expressed interest in using the field on Friday afternoons. The team has not yet completed the baseball waiver form. Sean Skaggs moved to give priority consideration to the local team for Friday afternoon practices. Peter Carey seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

7. DISCUSS AND ACT ON CITIZEN SURVEY

A survey will not be sent out.

8. DISCUSS AND ACT ON DEBRIS REMOVAL IN UPPER HELOTES CREEK

Madeline McCloskey hiked through the creek on January 1st and identified debris which has washed around tree trunks. Phil Howard proposed asking GFU to run a bobcat down the creek. Laurie Hawkins states GFU doesn't have a grappling hook. Phil Howard then proposed asking volunteers to meet on a Saturday morning

to cut vegetation and then have someone haul it out. Phil Howard will call potential volunteers. The initiative will be called the Upper Helotes Creek Debris Removal Project.

9. DISCUSS CONSERVATION EASEMENTS ON CREEKS

Jennifer Nottingham is playing phone tag with her contact person at the Nature Conservancy. She hopes to have him come to the next GFC meeting, February 6th, to provide information about conservation easements.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Meeting Minutes documented by María Ammerman

Meeting Minutes Approved by Chairperson: _____