

FRIENDS OF THE PARKS of LAKEWAY MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Zoom Virtual Meeting

March 1st, 2021 – 6:30 PM

1. **Carl Christensen called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM:** Present on the call were Carl Christensen, Pat McDermott, Larry Yancey, Dar Moneyhon, Jim Dunn, Sondra Morton, Carol Linn, Bernie Reding, Bill Freas, and Dan Moyer. Meeting began at 6:30 on Zoom.
2. **Approval of Minutes of October meetings:** Bill moved to approve, Pat seconded; motion approved unanimously.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Sondra presented info for both 2020 annual report as well as the current status. There was very little change or activity from the previous month. The current balance for January 2021 is \$16,173.93. Eleven families have paid dues so far in 2021. This number is down from previous years as most families pay for membership at the annual member event that did not happen in 2021 due to covid restrictions. Bill moved to approve the January report and Bernie seconded, motion approved unanimously.
4. **Parks & Recreation Liaison Report (Carl Christensen):**
 - a. Parks and Rec department for the city is uncertain at the moment as there is a lot of damage caused by a recent winter storm. They are also generally over whelmed as there is lots of work to be done due to all the damage to the parks. At the moment, they were unsure of the best use of FoP volunteers.
 - b. Andra said to pause any planned work on the shed as there may be changes to the area around the shed due to some trail work in the area.
 - c. P&R department is planning an "I love the parks day" in which folks would be encouraged to come out to the parks and participate in some planned activities.
 - d. Andra asked if FoP would be interested in participating in a 4th of July parade as well as a potential 9/11 anniversary event of some sort. It is difficult to commit to events in the future at this time as the future status of covid and availability of members is still uncertain.
5. **Old Business:**
 - a. No old business
6. **New Business:**
 - a. The Wilderness Run and Volksmarch were discussed as event options for the fall. It was preferred to keep the Volksmarch in the fall and the Wilderness Run in the spring as has been done in the past. One proposal for the Volksmarch was to move the event to Saturday October 30th and potentially tie the event into Halloween by encouraging costumes or something along those lines. Pat motioned to keep the events in their previous time frames, motion passed unanimously. Larry mentioned it might be worth reaching out to Rough Hollow to see if they would be interested in perhaps helping fund the Volksmarch as the march is in the Canyonlands which

border that neighborhood. The Volksmarch cost a little over \$500 in previous years, and Dar felt somewhere between there and \$1000 would be enough to put on the event successfully.

- b. Due to recent winter storms there is a lot of damage to trees and trails at all parks and plenty of work to be done. The issue is that we don't know at the moment what the city would like the group to do and not to do.
- c. Several bird feeders were destroyed by vandals. Bill proposed we buy a couple of bird feeders. Dar motioned that the board approve \$200 for new bird feeders and another \$200 to buy replacement feeders from the Wild Bird Center of Lakeway. The motion was approved unanimously. There may be an effort to put a game cam in the area to get photos of the area in case this issue comes back.
- d. LTFR has taken over forestry maintenance temporarily due to all the damage done by the storm on the trees.
- e. Gardens at trailhead of HGB need new plants, will re-visit for April workday.

7. Suggested Work Day projects - March 13th

- a. Small groups are invited to continue working on non-work days.
- b. Several agaves need to be trimmed back due to damage from the freeze
- c. Other trail work in the HGB

8. **Adjournment: Meeting Adjourned at 7:44 pm.** Bill moved for adjournment, Dar seconded, approved unanimously.

Dan Moyer
Secretary