

Friends of Maddax Woods
Meeting Minutes

Date: March 27, 2025 Time: 3:30pm Location: WL Library

Attending: Alma, Susan, Marla, Peggy, Bonnie. Claudia via phone Quorum: **Y** / N

Agenda:

- I. Additions or deletions to Agenda: Pamphlets available from City? – add to City meeting.
- II. Minutes read and approve: Minutes of 2.27.25: _x_ as read as corrected
- III. Treasurer report: Detail report distributed to board, year-end review.
 - Bank Balance – \$4,969.49 – \$106.06 + \$4,863.43
 - Donations - \$25.00 to area of greatest need
 - Pending expenses: \$106.06 – panel expenses(56.06)and corporate filing expense (\$50)
 - Grant balances on the books: Treasurer will examine grant funds and 'in memorium' funds for balances remaining. Board to determine use of these funds.
- IV. Action Items:
 - A. Inventory of board materials for tax value submission: Marla submitted a complete inventory of materials in the shed and the fire hall. Value total: \$131.00.
 - i. Discussion held regarding the value of the wood animal cutouts (50) and storage box. \$500.00
 - B. The City meeting called by Tarra and Jen will be focused on City communication to park and facility related non-profit organizations regarding 'upcoming events planned in the parks' and the City's 'work plan for all volunteer work parties'.
 - i. Board members who will attend: Marla, Bonnie and peg.
 - ii. If appropriate, we will request update on Maddax Woods pamphlets printed by City.
 - C. By-law revision review: The board continued the by-laws revisions to bring them up to date from the 2016 version last updated.
A special meeting to complete the revisions was scheduled for April 7, 2025 – 3:30pm – Susan Carley's home.
 - D. New board member outreach will be delayed until after the by-law update has been completed. Two potential board members have been approached by board officers. They have received notice of the board interest in their attending a meeting as soon as the by-law process is complete.
- V. Nature Report: Marla submitted a detailed report. The March Heron Watch was cancelled due to weather and illness. Despite the rainy weather Kris Duncan reported sharing her scope with several visitors while she was at the viewing area with a personal friend.
 - i. Marla reports 51 occupied nests, perhaps more if birds were off nests or hidden from view. At the time of her count, 60 Adult and 2 immature GB Herons were noted. This count does not include more herons that are away from the colony at the time of viewing.
 - ii. Marla's 'field notes' will be invaluable to the accounting and history of the colony and other features of the surrounding area.
- VI. History Report: n/a
- VII. Volunteer Activity: March work party was cancelled due to weather and illness. Kevin reported 2 volunteers (father and son) arrived but did not stay.
- VIII. Old business:
 - A. Bench at viewing area remains the same orientation to the river.
 - B. Interpretive posters – Marla is pursuing the Lorrayne/Mar Azul poster that was damaged and the zip drive with the image of the poster is not functioning. She will contact a family member who might

have the original photo in order to remake this poster. 12 of the remaining posters have been installed on the renovated fence panels. An additional fence panel will be installed and 3 remaining posters installed – all along the barn foundation.

i. The posters of ‘Dorothy’s Garden’, ‘Maddax Waving’, and the ‘Launch of the Mar Azul’ were considered for new rebar framing. The design and purchase of the rebar will be determined.

C. Raised bed refurbishing – Susan reports that she connected Kevin and Simon via phone numbers. Kevin will schedule a workday with Simon to reconstruct the damaged beds.

D. Driveway/parking work by City – hoping to hear the date and extent of work by the City at the 4/2 meeting.

IX. New business: Parks and Recreation Board meeting news: Marla reports from the P/R board that the City is planning to hire a company to do data collection in the City parks regarding park use. The use of this data was not reported, and the FOMW will be interested in how it impacts the distribution of work and funds to City facilities. P/R Board meeting can be accessed by the public through the City’s website.

X. Items for next meeting agenda:

XI. Meeting Adjourned: 5:40pm

	Date:	Time:	Location:
Next Special Meeting:	April 7	3:30pm	Susan Carley home
Next Work Party:	April 19	9:00am	Park entry table
Next Heron Watch:	April 19	1:00-3:00pm	Viewing area
Next Board Meeting	April 24	3:30pm	WL Library