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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Rotary Club presenting of \$3000 check to the City

Hi Moumin,

I have spoken with Staci King, City Secretary and she will have the presentation set for the City Council meeting next Tuesday, May 4th. Meeting begins at 5:30pm.

I was informed on the presentation to Mr. Huckabee of the \$3,000 at your meeting last week. Thank you for that contribution that will go towards a water fountain/bottle filler.

Please advise of a great time to meet to discuss the sensory garden and this year's RYLA Camp project and goals.

I will work on a design for a sign to be placed at the site or on the fountain to show the efforts by RYLA and the Rotary Club.

Looking forward to meeting you in person next week.

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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Rotary Club presenting of \$3000 check to the City

Hi, Kelli. (Please, call me Moumin.)

As you probably know by now, Ally Oliver was going to deliver the check to Staci, as it was extemporaneously presented to Councilman Brandon Huckabee at our most recent Rotary meeting, when he was speaking about the Bond Election.

Publicly, I would like to present an oversized (ceremonial) check to you at the next City Council meeting. Brandon said he would ask for that to be put on the agenda for May 4's meeting. At that time, we'll present a cumulative symbolic check for \$9000, recognizing the overall contribution of cash over the last three years to the City from Stephenville Rotary, dedicated to the Collin Street Trailhead Park.

As for use of the money, we would love for this year's \$3000 to be applied toward the purchase of a water fountain/bottle filler at that Trailhead.

As for the sensory garden, I look forward to discussing past plans that were discussed with Jen Basham, your predecessor.

As for naming the Park, nothing was contracted. It was all part of the discussion with Jen. I think it would be great to at least have a sign at that trailhead, acknowledging the contribution of Rotary to the City. Maybe call it the "RYLA Trailhead" or "Rotary Trailhead"? Or at the least, a sign on the fountain mentioned above, acknowledging the greater efforts of the Club and of RYLA.

I am bringing Clint Ishmael into the conversation (cc'd), as he is the RYLA Camp Director and will be coordinating the Service Project for RYLA campers to work on the Trailhead on June 19.

Also, I'm bringing Bob Cranford and Burton Smith into the loop, as they were the ones who were most closely in contact with Jen Basham in the past.

See you soon!

Moumin

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Rotary Club presenting of \$3000 check to the City

Dr. Quazi,

Thank you for following up from our phone conversation a few weeks ago. I would be happy to accept a check from the Rotary club at your convenience. Please advise of a great time and I will ensure to be

available for you. I will work with City Manager Mr. Barnes and City Secretary Mrs. King on how a presentation of a financial contribution takes place. I will get back with you this week as I believe this presentation will take place on Tuesday, May 4, 2021.

Would the Rotary Club be interested in purchasing a water fountain/bottle filler at the Collins Street Trail Head with the \$3,000 donation?

I have been able to located information on the sensory garden. I would like to visit with you more about the design and vision of the sensory garden at the park.

I have not been able to find any information on an agreement/contract that states Collin Street Trailhead will be named RYLA. Do you or the Rotary Club have any information to support this? I have also asked Mr. Barnes, City Manager and he isn't aware of any approval to name city property.

I am trying to learn as much history on the department, partnerships and projects that were left incomplete. Please be patient with me while I do my diligence on learning the past and figuring out how to move the community forward in Parks and Leisure Services.

Thank you Dr. Quazi and I look forward to meeting you in person this week.

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Hello. I'm writing to you in my capacity as President of the Stephenville Rotary Club. I've spoken with various City officials about Rotary continuing our commitment to donate to what had been called the "RYLA Park" (working title;

RYLA stands for Rotary Youth Leadership Awards). We have already given several thousand dollars to the City's effort to enhance and build up that trailhead at the Collins Street Trailhead.

For background, In the fall of 2018 the City began creating a master plan for an inclusive space the brought together our Bosque River Trail, beautiful live oaks, and one of the most scenic parts of the City to create an escape. The preliminary plan created an environment for all; from pollinator and sensory gardens to a play scape that is fully inclusive to children of all abilities. (We now know that the plan to build the all-inclusive playground has been moved to the main City Park). In July of 2019, over 100 RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Association) teens came out to begin the process of clearing the area and creating a brick trail loop for the future play scape site. The teens cleaned 111-year-old Thurbur bricks pulled from our streets, thinned trees and underbrush, and assisted with the pad site for the intended future play scape. In fall 2019, the City had water run to the site, and the local Master Gardeners donated the plant material to plant our pollinator garden. Even if the all-inclusive playground is moving to the City Park, we are still hoping that the City will continue its previous intention to create a sensory garden. The garden will provide an opportunity to experience the space with all of your senses. With tactile, olfactory, visual, and auditory experiences, we will be able to reach a wide range of community members from children to portions of our community impacted by dementia (horticulture therapy has been proven to assist in the calming and recollection of patients).

This coming summer, 100 more RYLA campers will participate in their service project on Saturday, June 19, all day. We were hoping to pour our energy into that Collins Trailhead again, as a continuation of our commitment.

We would also, as a Club, like to present to the City another \$3000 check, to be applied toward the Collins Trailhead Park effort. In recent years, we have donated time, landscaping blueprints provided by a landscape architect who donated his time, and six thousand dollars. Our commitment has totaled more than ten thousand dollars, and we are adding another three thousand this year.

If possible, I'd like to give you the \$3000 check this week or early next week (before May 1), and then at the next City Council meeting, present one of those oversized checks to the Mayor.

Will that work?

Looking forward to hearing back from you soon.
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