

VILLAGE OF WIMBERLEY
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
JANUARY 24, 2007, 6:30 P.M.
CITY HALL, 12111 RANCH ROAD 12, SUITE 114, WIMBERLEY

Meeting called to order by Board chair Jan Fulkerson at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Mark Bursiel, Christine Byrne, Jan Fulkerson, Malcolm Harris, Dell Hood, Linda Hudson, Thad Nance, Horace Wilson. Board member Tim Thompson was excused.

Minutes of December 20, 2006 were corrected and adopted as corrected by unanimous vote.

A. Reports

Blue Hole Master Plan:

Steve Windhager of the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center distributed copies of a draft public outreach document on the Blue Hole planning process, and presented a PowerPoint show on the master plan for the Blue Hole Regional Park. The presentation summarized the planning process, and the design parameters and amenities agreed on by the Stakeholders Group for the two phases of the implementation process. The Wildflower Center proposed to present the plan to City Council on February 1, receive Council and public comments on it during February, then prepare a final version and present it to the City and other recipients in March.

Members of the Board and the public present discussed the draft plan with Mr. Windhager.

B. Consider and Act

1. Recommendation to adopt Blue Hole Master Plan:

Malcolm moved to approve the draft master plan as presented by Mr. Windhager and recommend it to Council for action. Mark seconded and the motion was approved by vote of 8-0.

2. Recommendation on Signage Proposal at Cypress Creek Nature Trail:

Horace said he has a proposal from Professional Graffiti for signs costing a total of \$1,402. Board members discussed the proposal. Council member Marilee Wood noted the City must show the proposed signs to Texas Parks & Wildlife to be sure TPW approves them. Mark said we need to have a second bid before we go to Council for approval and volunteered to try to get a bid from another sign company. Item continued to next meeting.

3. Set date for Cypress Creek Nature Trail work day:

Board members discussed the date and nature of a work day at the Nature Trail. Mark moved that the Board schedule a work day at the Nature Trail on February 10, subject to weather conditions. Malcolm seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

4. Recommendation to TAB on No Parking at Nature Trail on Old Kyle Road:

Board members discussed the need to create a no parking area in front of the Nature Trail on Old Kyle Road, and how to designate it. Mark moved that the Board ask the Transportation Advisory

Board to review the issue and consult with the City Engineer and make a recommendation to Council. Horace seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

C. City Administrator report

Report on proposal for construction of a bathroom at the Cypress Creek Nature Trail:

Neel Morton, a Wimberley architect and member of the Building Code Board of Review, said he is willing to donate his services to design a public bathroom building for the Nature Trail. He has preliminary sketches and knows that Parks Board members are concerned to protect the trees at the entry area.

Board members stressed the need for the facility to be in keeping with the overall Wimberley look and ambiance, and their preference for a natural look using native materials. They discussed the overall design of the facility with Mr. Morton. Council member Wood proposed that Mr. Morton and Horace Wilson work together as a subcommittee to refine the design, and to talk with our grant administrator, Judy Langford on what TPW will accept under its grant. Horace and Neel agreed to this proposal and will bring a recommendation to the February Board meeting.

D. Work Session

Review Parks Board budget:

Board members reviewed an income-and-expenses statement for Blue Hole covering the period October 1, 2004 to September 30, 2006. The statement showed a net income of \$14,746 for this period. It was pointed out that Interim City Administrator Marquez wants to put revenue from Blue Hole into the City General Fund, while Board members have asked that all Blue Hole income be kept in a separate Blue Hole account dedicated to expenses for the park.

E. Announcements & Requests for Future Agenda Items

Horace announced that Joe Waldschmidt is doing on-going maintenance on the water feature at the Nature Trail at no expense to the City, because people continue to damage the equipment.

Agenda requests:

1. Nature Trail signage proposal
2. Design proposal and cost estimate for public toilets at Nature Trail
3. Report on grant for trails by Bert Ray.

F. Adjournment: Board meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Recorded by Dell J. Hood *DJH*
Approved 2/21/07