

Wimberley Parks & Recreation Board
Minutes of Regular Meeting, February 15, 2006
Wimberley City Hall, 13210 RR 12

Present: Mark Bursiel, Fred Franz, Jan Fulkerson, Malcolm Harris, Dell Hood, Linda Hudson, Thad Nance, Horace Wilson.

Absent: Tim Thompson

Board called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Jan Fulkerson. Minutes of January 18, 2006 approved as submitted by unanimous vote.

Public Comment: No comments received.

A. Committee Reports:

Horace reported on the progress on construction of Cypress Creek Nature Trail. The design of the steps has been changed, and the first shipment of stones for the steps was damaged. Kay Wilkins reported that Professional Graffiti will give design options for both permanent and interim signs. The City's law firm is reviewing a draft of the rules for the Trail, and the Council will develop an ordinance establishing general rules to apply in all City parks.

B. Consider & Act: No action items considered.

C. Work Session

1. Blue Hole Master Plan:

Council member Marilee Wood said Council will authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center for the design of a master plan for Blue Hole on February 16. The Wildflower Center expects to move quickly in beginning the plan process, so the Board should name a point person through whom information could be passed and who could be responsible for quick decisions. Jan appointed Horace Wilson as the point person.

2. Cypress Creek Nature Trail Dedications:

Opening of the Nature Trail is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on April 8. No plans have been made for a dedication display yet. Board members discussed how to display the list of contributors and others involved in creation of the Nature Trail, and who should be included on the list. Mark, Linda, and Dell agreed to work with Council member Wood on a dedication committee. Board members discussed local musical groups who might be available for the opening ceremony.

3. Austin Parks Foundation:

Board members reviewed a message from Charlie McCabe, executive director of the Austin Parks Foundation (APF) offering to work with the City on park projects. The Foundation organizes community groups to help maintain parks. Board members agreed the best use of APF would be at Blue Hole. Kay Wilkins will discuss the project with Mr. McCabe and get more details. Malcolm will develop a plan for organizing the project.

D. Announcements, Future Agenda Items:

Board members asked for a report on the Friends of Blue Hole group, and on follow-up with Austin Parks Foundation.

E. Adjournment: Board meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Recorded by Dell Hood.