

**CITY OF WIMBERLEY PARKS BOARD
MINUTES, APRIL 20, 2011
WIMBERLEY CITY HALL
221 STILLWATER, WIMBERLEY, TEXAS**

Present: Board members Thad Nance, Christine Byrne, M.F. Johnson, Dell Hood; City Administrator Don Ferguson.

Absent: Cathy Flocke, Jan Fulkerson, Horace Wilson.

Meeting called to order by Board President Thad Nance at 5:35 p.m.

1. Minutes: Minutes of Board meeting of March 16, 2011 were accepted as submitted by unanimous consent.

2. Citizen communications: None.

3. Staff reports

a. Blue Hole Regional Park: Don Ferguson reported construction is proceeding well and stressed that great care has been taken in the design and construction of the stone pathways. At the Hole, the goal is to restore the bank and protect it from further degradation. Some cypress tree roots were dead before any work had begun, due to soil compaction under the trees. Work has begun on the soccer and tennis fields.

b. City has hired Doug Carter as park manager, starting May 2. City is now seeking applicants for summer jobs at the park. It is expected that work on the swimming area and adjacent facilities will be completed by the end of May.

c. Work on the hike and bike trail is almost finished and City plans a formal public opening on May 21. A community walk is being planned under auspices of the Mayor's Fitness Council.

4. Discussion and possible action

a. Wimberley Community Center operations:

Don distributed a draft Request for Proposal for operators of the Community Center. He reviewed its main provisions and asked Board members to be prepared to make a recommendation at their May meeting.

b. Proposed rules for regional hike and bike trail:

Don distributed a set of rules governing public use of the Hays County-City of Wimberley Regional Hike and Bike Trail. Board reviewed them and four additional rules in effect at Hays County facilities. Dell moved that the Board recommend to Council adoption of the proposed rules as amended together with the Hays County rules; M.F. Johnson seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

c. Rules for use of fire pit at Blue Hole Regional Park:

Board considered a set of rules proposed by Don for use of the fire pit in Blue Hole Regional Park. They would become part of the rental agreement users will have to sign and will also be

posted at the fire pit. Dell moved that the Board recommend adoption of the rules, with the addition of language concerning use of the pit when a burn ban is in effect, and addition of language prohibiting use of illegal drugs. Christine seconded the motion which was adopted by unanimous vote.

5. Board member reports: None.

6. Adjournment: Board meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Recorded by Dell J. Hood DJH
Accepted May 18, 2011