

Village of Wimberley Parks and Recreation Board
Minutes of Special Called Meeting
May 3, 2005, 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, 13210 Ranch Road 12, Wimberley, Texas

Board meeting called to order by Chairman Malcolm Harris at 6:30 p.m. Present were Board members Fred Franz, Malcolm Harris, Dell Hood, Tim Thompson, and Horace Wilson. Board members Mark Bursiel, Jan Fulkerson, and Thad Nance were absent. Board member Linda Hudson was excused.

Minutes of Board meeting of March 30, 2005 were approved as presented by unanimous vote.

Public Comment: No members of public were present.

A. Reports

1. Staff/Council Liaison report on closing on Blue Hole property:

Council member Marilee Wood reported the City closed on the Blue Hole property and Peter Way signed over the deed to the City on May 2. This will enable Texas Parks & Wildlife to release its grant funds for the purchase. The Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center is working on finding funds to pay the Center to do the master plan for the park. A private engineering firm has donated \$50,000 in engineering services for a new entry road. Much more work needs to be done to find money for development of the park.

2. Report on volunteer clean sweep of Nature Preserve:

Chairman Harris said approximately 120 people participated in a mass clean-up of the Cypress Creek Nature Trail and Preserve on April 20. Volunteers from Katherine Anne Porter school and Starbucks in Austin collected a 16-foot trailer load of trash and junk. Jerry Pinnix of Hays County donated the free service of the county transfer station in Wimberley to take the trash.

Council member Wood said that in view of the great community support for the Village's park development efforts, she would like to see the formation of a Friends of Blue Hole group to organize and mobilize those who want to volunteer time and effort for this park as well. Board members agreed unanimously this needs to be done and that such a group is necessary for the City to manage the Blue Hole park.

B. Consider and Act:

Recommendation on Bids on Cypress Creek Nature Trail and Preserve:

Horace Wilson summarized the bids received for construction of the entry area to the Nature Trail. G. Creek, Inc., submitted the lowest overall bid and the subcommittee

which reviewed the bids recommends acceptance of the G. Creek bid. He said the arbor and kiosk, which were covered in alternate bid 3, could be built with local volunteers. He discussed the Value Engineering options offered by G. Creek. Board members discussed the G. Creek bid in detail.

Horace Wilson moved that the City accept the low bid from G. Creek, Inc., composed of a base bid of \$305,000 and Alternate Bid 1 for storm water construction at \$7,500 and Alternate Bid 2 for curb and gutter construction at \$8,000, and omit the Alternate Bid 3 for the arbor and kiosk which will be redesigned and constructed with volunteer labor. Tim Thompson seconded. Motion approved by 5 Ayes to 0 Nays.

C. Work Session

Volunteer Work Hours on Cypress Creek Nature Trail and Preserve:

Board members discussed which types of work can be counted as volunteer hours under the TPW grant, and what dollar value is assigned for different types of work. They agreed the rates for professional services and for simple labor should be different and that City needs to know what rates TPW allows. Discussion included the value of Joe Waldschmidt's work on the water feature, which should be counted at more than simple labor because of the complexity of the design and the skill needed in operating equipment in the restricted space.

D. Announcements & Requests for Future Agenda Items:

Board members said the following need to be on the agenda for the next meeting:

- 1) discussion of the opening of Blue Hole;
- 2) discussion of the request by the Wimberley Birding Society for a memorandum of understanding to cover management of the Society's refuge behind the Community Center;
- 3) the request by WBS for funding for water and electricity stub-outs from the Community Center.

E. Adjourn: Board members adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Recorded by Dell Hood.

Accepted May 18, 2005
Dell Hood