

**CITY OF WIMBERLEY PARKS BOARD
MINUTES, MAY 18, 2011
WIMBERLEY CITY HALL
221 STILLWATER, WIMBERLEY, TEXAS**

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

Meeting called to order by Board President Thad Nance at 5:30 p.m.

1. Minutes: Minutes of Board meeting of April 20, 2011, were accepted as submitted by unanimous consent.

2. Citizen communications: None.

3. Staff reports:

a. Don Ferguson introduced Doug Carter, newly hired park manager for the Blue Hole Regional Park, to the Board. Doug said he has hired a good staff for the summer, with a mix of backgrounds, ages, and skills. The City plans to formally open Blue Hole for swimming the morning of June 11, although the rest of the park will not be ready for public use until later in the year.

b. The hike-and-bike trail along Winters Mill Parkway will be formally opened on Saturday, May 21, at 10:00 a.m., at the First Baptist Church entrance. A "Plant Blue Hole" work day is also scheduled for that day, starting at 8:30 a.m., with volunteers planting grasses and shrubs in the area of the swimming hole.

4. Discussion and possible action:

Development of a Request for Proposal for operation of the Wimberley Community Center: Don referred to the draft of an RFP distributed to Board and asked for Board discussion and recommendation on going forward with it.

Board members discussed the proposal at length, agreeing unanimously that the recently hired Center manager should be given sufficient time to develop program opportunities, including outreach efforts to individuals and groups willing to pay for use of the facilities. They agreed they were opposed in principle to bringing in another layer of administration which they believe is not needed.

Dell moved that the Board recommend to Council that the City delay development and release of an RFP for operation of the Wimberley Community Center for twelve months to enable the current management to develop and implement a business plan to operate the facility, and that regular performance reports on the Center are to be presented to the Board and Council. Christine seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

5. Board member reports:

Hike and bike trail: M.F. Johnson suggested City provide signs with rules for use of the trail,

including measures such as traveling in pairs, keeping mobile phones ready, and having volunteers walk the trail randomly as citizen patrollers.

6. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Recorded by Dell J. Hood

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Accepted July 20, 2011