

Minutes of Wimberley Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting
June 10, 2001

1. The Parks and Recreation committee of the Wimberley City Council met at City Hall on June 10, 2001, at 5:05 p.m. Council member Martha Knies and committee members Kris Cusack, Thad Nance, Jane Morton, Gary Pig and Fred Franz were present; members, Kathleen Cline, Dell Hood were absent. Committee chairperson Kris Cusack presided.
2. Minutes of the June 3, 2001 meeting were approved.
3. Citizen forum: Malcolm Harris of 210 Mill Race Lane presented a petition to the committee concerning the Cypress Creek Park. He then reiterated the concerns of the residents of Mill Race Lane: They would like to see The Texas Land Trust run the park and would like a state study done. They will continue to circulate the petition. Scott Wilson felt that the residents were not being heard. He would like the land to be preserved but would like a different kind of park than what the committee envision. David Wilson stated that it would be a mistake for the city not to acquire the land. Issues of liability, maintenance, pollution, safety, trespassing and security were discussed. The committee members assured the citizens that we are working to protect the land and are looking to the state and county for support. We have to make sure that we make the park accessible to all. As far as the parking concern, The Lumber Yard has created a parking area for the public that will charge a fee. We are looking to create a wetland garden area that will help reduce the toxic run off from the square. The committee believes that tourists come to see the water and if they cannot do that then they will not come to our city. The committee let the citizens know that we have included professionals in all of our considerations in how to best utilize the land. Experts are guiding us. The park plan calls for a board to run the parks and we would be delighted to have any one of you on this board. The citizens feel that we are very well intended but feel that the park would become a second Blue Hole.
4. Master Park Plan: Dell Hood has that information and is not present at this meeting. Thad Nance asked if the master park plan was in order as far as sports fields were concerned. The City Council entered into a contract with the Senior Citizen Center to ask for a 750 thousand dollar grant to build a community center. The land and the building will belong to the city but the senior citizens will manage the building and run the center. There will be a board that manages the activities. It will be a community center, not a recreation center. M.F. Johnson is with official contact. The land below the Community Center is being considered for a park area. The master park plan has to include the Cypress Creek Park as well as the Senior Citizen Center.
5. Site Plan – SWT – We are not doing an environmental impact study because the Texas Parks and Wildlife do not believe that there will be any adverse impact on

the land or creek. Langford and Associates has been hired to write the grant and we will abide by all state and county park guidelines, then city guidelines. A wetland specialist is coming to view the land.

6. All of our proposals must go before the city council to be approved. This includes the master park plan. Kris passed out the comments from Jimmie Robinson about the Master Plan.
7. Budget: Walter Brown is also giving estimates on the proposed park budget. Gary is going to talk with Tim at King Feed concerning the Iron Gate. Jane is to call the trash company concerning trash pick up at the park. Kris is calling the Austin Trail group about the cost of making the trails. Martha is going to contact Mr. Lovejoy. Fred is gathering kiosk information. Commissioner Burnet has pledged to try to get 100 thousand dollars from the county for the park. Lions club has pledged 65 thousand. We are looking into grants from PEC, LCRA, GBRA, McCoy's and Burdine-Johnson Foundation.
8. The next meeting of the committee will be at 6:30 on Tuesday, June 19th. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Recorded by Jane Morton

PDR meeting 6/10/01 Public Forum

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Speakers at Parks + Recreation Meeting

