

Village of Wimberley Parks and Recreation Board
City Hall, 13210 Ranch Road 12, Wimberley
Minutes of Special Called Meeting
August 31, 2005, 6:30 p.m.

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

Minutes of Regular Meeting of August 17, 2005 were approved by unanimous vote.

A. Reports

1. Wimberley Tennis Association:

Bob and Diane Kerrigan and Lisa Craine of the Wimberley Tennis Association described the growth in the number of tennis players in the Wimberley area, and the high demand for use of the courts at the high school. They said that if the Village could make land available, the Association could get grant funds to build and help maintain courts. Board members discussed with them the requirements for land, parking, lighting, facilities, and maintenance of courts. Board members pointed out that the actual use of land at the Blue Hole park will depend on what the master plan for the park recommends and on the decision of City Council on how much of the park should be used for which forms of developed recreation. They encouraged the Association to continue to identify other likely locations for courts, and to develop a proposal for a city-owned tennis complex, with some indication of what the Association could provide for both construction and maintenance, and what the Village would be expected to provide.

2. Establishment of Tax-exempt Organization for Friends of Blue Hole:

Council member Marilee Wood said she has held discussions with the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center on developing a master plan for Blue Hole and hopes to arrange a presentation to the Board by Center staff. She said the Center is very interested in doing the Blue Hole master plan and becoming a partner with the Village for restoration and public educational uses of the park. Board members discussed the advantages of establishing formal links with the Wildflower Center, the cost of a master plan and her attempts to raise outside funding to pay for it through a Friends of Blue Hole organization.

B. Consider & Act

1. Recommendation to Council for a Resolution of Support for Wimberley Tennis Association:

Board chairman Malcolm Harris presented a draft resolution of support for the efforts of the Wimberley Tennis Association to seek funding for tennis courts. Board members discussed the draft.

Tim Thompson moved to adopt the following resolution and forward it to City Council. Dell Hood seconded.

RESOLUTION FOR ENDORSEMENT OF WIMBERLEY TENNIS ASSOCIATION

Be it resolved by the City Council of the Village of Wimberley, Texas, a duly incorporated political subdivision of the State of Texas, as follows:

The Village of Wimberley whole-heartedly endorses the goals of the Wimberley Tennis Association to promote tennis as a recreational activity within our community and to build and operate a tennis court complex in Wimberley. The Village of Wimberley will strive to support the Wimberley Tennis Association in the achievement of these goals through the various means at its disposal and within its budgetary constraints. The Village Council strongly endorses grants and donations of funds and /or lands in support of these goals.

Motion passed by unanimous vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays.

2. License Agreement between Village and Wimberley Birding Society:

Dell Hood reported on the discussions between the Village and Wimberley Birding Society (WBS) on management of the 1.8-acre bird refuge behind the Community Center. The major difficulty at present are sections in the draft agreement concerning insurance and indemnification.

Council member Wood said City staff is looking into the possibility of providing insurance coverage for volunteers at the refuge under the Village's policy through the Texas Municipal League. Board members agreed to defer action on the agreement until outstanding issues are resolved.

C. Work Session:

Horace Wilson said he has tried to arrange a meeting with Keep Wimberley Beautiful on providing plants and volunteer help for the Cypress Creek Nature Center. He asked for Board volunteers to help oversee the selection of plants.

D. Announcements & Requests for Future Agenda Items: None.

E. Adjourn: Board meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Recorded by Dell Hood.

Accepted 9/21/05
Dell Hood