

Village of Wimberley Parks and Recreation Board
Minutes of Regular Meeting, December 1, 2003, 6:30 p.m.
Wimberley City Hall, 13210 RR 12

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

Minutes of Board meeting of November 3, 2003 accepted as submitted.

Public Comments: No comments received.

A. Committee Reports:

Nature Preserve Subcommittee:

Horace and Malcolm reported on the negotiations with The Rivers Studio on design of the Cypress Creek Nature Trail. Rivers Studio has submitted a revised proposal with several reductions and adjustments suggested by the subcommittee. Horace explained and Board reviewed the changes submitted by Rivers Studio. Discussion focused on alternatives proposed for the water feature and the work being offered by Joe Waldschmidt as a voluntary contribution. Horace said he talked to Dr. DeeAnn Story about the cultural resources inventory in Task 2, but she declined to do it. The subcommittee is still in active discussions with Rivers Studio on the overall fee structure.

B. Consider and Possible Action:

1. Nature Preserve Design Contract Negotiations:

Board discussed the Rivers Studio proposal dated November 28 as per above item. Fred Franz moved that the Board recommend that Council accept the November 28, 2003 proposal submitted by The Rivers Studio with Alternative B for New Task 8, concerning the water feature design. Dell Hood seconded. Motion approved 7 Ayes to 0 Nays.

Horace called Board attention to the language of Task 10: Bid and Construction Period Services, in the proposal. He said he offered his services to the City as supervising engineer, but he did not expect to be in charge of landscape architecture or civil engineering details. He agreed to provide weekly reports to the City on the progress of construction, but not to make decisions or to spend money. He pointed out this paragraph also does not say that Rivers Studio will show up at the construction site. He proposed our recommendation should be subject to clarification of the requirements on landscape architect and civil engineering services. Malcolm proposed that the recommendation be stated as follows:

Board recommendation to Council for approval of The Rivers Studio proposal dated November 28, 2003, with Alternative B for New Task 8, is subject to

negotiation of a satisfactory contract provision for periodic site observation during construction within the context of Task 10.

Board agreed by unanimous consent to this language.

2. Status of Blue Hole Project:

Malcolm said he is not aware of any new information on this project.

3. Summer Recreation Program:

Malcolm talked to Kris Cusack about taking on the summer recreation program as a volunteer leader, but she is very reluctant to do it. Board agreed that Kris would be the ideal manager for this project, and that without her involvement it would be too much for the City to try to develop and run the program at this time. There are major concerns about the fee schedule, managing the numbers of participants it would attract, and liability issues. Board members agreed to defer the project for the time being.

C. Announcements, Future Agenda Items:

Malcolm said he is very impressed by the continuing development of the Wimberley Birding Society refuge area, especially the use of native stone and wood. He said it offers an example of what can be done with the Cypress Creek Nature Preserve.

The following items were proposed for the January agenda:

1. Status report on the Community Center project, with focus on Board involvement and responsibilities;
2. Election of a new vice chair;
3. Status report on Cypress Creek Nature Trail and the Parks & Wildlife grant.

Tom Keyser suggested a special briefing for new Board members on the Nature Trail and the Parks and Wildlife grant, including a walking tour of the Trail. Board agreed to schedule such a tour at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 13. In case a quorum of Board members show up it was agreed this should be posted as a Special Meeting of the Board, with no items for action.

D. Adjournment: Board adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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