

**CITY OF WIMBERLEY PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MINUTES**  
**WIMBERLEY CITY HALL- CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**221 STILLWATER DRIVE, WIMBERLEY, TEXAS**  
**January 17, 2018**

Present: Christine Byrne, Lin Weber, Toni Jinkins, Matt Meeks, Marilee Wood, Gary Pigg, Leigh Peterson, Blue Hole Regional Park Director Rebecca Manning, Friends of Blue Hole Executive Director Susan Nenney

Meeting called to order by Board Chairperson Christine Byrne at 5:01 P.M.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:

- a. Jim Nance would like to see a disc golf course by the soccer fields. Jim is a member of a disc golf organization in Austin. He would like to start an organization here to start and care for the course. It would require some cedar removal. Tournaments can be held to raise money for upkeep. Not much room is needed, the baskets can be placed relatively close to the road.
- b. Stephanie Burghard would like to see a dog park in Blue Hole Park. She works with Service Dog Inc. and can get trainers to help design the dog park. Christine notes that we will have a meeting in the next few months regarding the dog park.
- c. Christine Parkerson would like bike paths extended and paved in Blue Hole Park.

2. CITY STAFF REPORT:

- a. Rebecca reports that the Blue Christmas event was a very successful. It was rained out Saturday so it was moved to Sunday. Attendance was good, the horse carriage rides were the most popular and people were very excited that the event was free.
- b. The upland restoration project is happening every Wednesday. Volunteers are clearing out brush and removing some cedars.
- c. Dripping Springs Vodka, the biggest sponsor for Concerts in the Park, has dropped out this year (they expressed plans to sponsor again next year). Rebecca has reached out to other sponsors the cost is \$500-600 to sponsor one evening.
- d. Planning for summer camps is happening. Rebecca is looking into offering scholarships and starting a counselor in training program for kids who have aged out of the program but would still like to attend.
- e. The reservation system is complete and ready to go live March 1<sup>st</sup>, staff is preparing to get the word out and contacting travel websites as well as posting on facebook. The only complaint so far has been that there are no group rates.
- f. It is hiring season, preparations are being made to hire summer staff.

3. FRIENDS OF BLUE HOLE ACTIVITY REPORT: Friends of Blue Hole Executive Director Susan Nenney reports that the canopy campaign received two

grants totaling \$30,400 from HEB and the Jonah Quinn Foundation. We have plans for 1 large canopy and two cantilevered canopies. Fundraising will have to be done locally for remaining cost.

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

- a. Christine proposes that we have a congratulations graduates day at Blue Hole for Wimberley High, KAPS, and homeschooled graduating seniors the week before Blue Hole opens. The only cost would be staff, who would already be hired at that point. Estimated cost is approx. \$60 according to Rebecca. Rebecca will coordinate date. Marilee motions to accept, Toni seconds, all in favor.
- b. Christine proposes that the discounted admission price for locals at Blue Hole be extended to cover those folks who are in the Wimberley Independent School District but not in the 78676 zip code. Rebecca says that a master address list would be needed for ID purposes. Gary volunteered to talk to the school district about getting a master address list. We will put this back on the February agenda so we can discuss the master list and possibilities for verification of WISD addresses.
- c. Rebecca would like to extend the swimming season to include weekends in September. Marilee asks if staffing will be an issue, and Rebecca feels that it will not be. Lin motions to keep Blue Hole open for swimming during weekends in September. Marilee seconds, all in favor.
- d. Review and revise Wimberley Parks Master Plan.
  - i. This plan does not include Blue Hole Park because when it was written in 2001, Wimberley did not own the park. Blue Hole has its own master plan that was done by the Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center. Friends of Blue Hole raised \$100,000 to pay for that plan and it is not in need of revision at this time.
  - ii. Our current master plan was written in 2008 with the recommendation that it be revised in 2015. Due to the flood that year, revision did not happen.
  - iii. Items mentioned that will need to be revised/added include: Pictures of the parks included in the plan should be added to the plan cover sheet, city population will need to be updated with most current census information (Lin will look this up), Lin will provide a write up on Old Baldy, Leigh will rewrite the tourism section. Marilee will revise section 6, Christine will take inventory of existing facilities (Section 3), Matt will look into appendix 2.0 information regarding existing facilities.
  - iv. The decision was made to go through the Master Plan line by line at the next meeting and make revisions.

5. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

- a. Next meeting will be held February 21, 2018.
- b. Future meeting agenda items include looking at options for the playscape at the nature park. Hays County and NRPA might be able to provide grants for a new play structure. There is termite damage on current structure; it is unsafe to use. We may be able to replace wood for a

temporary fix. Rebecca will get bids for replacement. Christine wondered if the Wimberley Valley Watershed Association might provide money for a fix because the park is a part of the Cypress Creek Nature Preserve. Gary would like us to discuss possible expansion of the drain field in Blue Hole Park by 18 acres.

6. Meeting adjourned by Board Chairperson Christine Byrne at 6:25 P.M.

Recorded By:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Toni Jenkins". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Toni Jenkins