

CITY OF WIMBERLEY PARKS BOARD

MINUTES, MAY 16, 2012

WIMBERLEY CITY HALL

221 STILLWATER, WIMBERLEY, TEXAS

Present: Thad Nance, Mark Bursiel, Jan Fulkerson, Dell Hood; City Administrator Don Ferguson.

Absent: Cathy Flocke.

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

1. Minutes of the Board meeting of January 18, 2012 were not available for review.

2. Citizen communications: None.

3. Staff reports:

a. Don announced that MF Johnson and Vance Smith have resigned from the Board.

b. Blue Hole Regional Park: There will be a ceremony at the playscape on Saturday, May 19, to mark the formal completion and opening of the Phase II developments. The swimming hole will open on May 19, but the public opening of the rest of the park will be on June 9. Friends of Blue Hole has scheduled a fund raising event also for June 9.

Myers Construction has donated much of the materials for the basketball courts, which are nearing completion. Seeding and irrigation of the soccer fields will proceed over the next several months, and the drain field for the waste water plant will also be seeded and fenced against deer.

Bill Dunn has complained about public parking on his land at the FM 3237 end of the Winters Mill Parkway by people accessing the hike and bike trail. He wants the City and County to create a parking area directly off FM 3237.

4. Discussion and possible action

a. Amendments to City of Wimberley park rules and regulations:

Don said the City now has a City Marshal who will be responsible for enforcing City laws and regulations, and with the opening of Blue Hole Regional Park to many more people and activities, the more important elements of City rules on use of the Park need to be elevated to the level of an ordinance which the Marshal can enforce. Board members reviewed all the key elements of the park use regulations and agreed on which ones should be codified in an ordinance. These include but are not limited to limits on pets in Park, a ban on alcoholic beverages, glass containers, excessive noise, soliciting, loitering, and smoking. Dell moved that the Board recommend to Council approval of the Ordinance on conduct and activities at Blue Hole Regional Park as discussed. Jan seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

b. Facility rental fees at Blue Hole Regional Park:

Don noted that the schedule of fees for use of various facilities at the Park was decided by the stakeholders group long before any construction of facilities had started and before the City had any record of demand and staffing needs. The City now needs to consider how these facilities can contribute to the income stream for ongoing maintenance of the park as well as market pressures from competing facilities in the area. As an example, the fee for rental of the public pavilion was set at \$45 per hour which now is uneconomically low. Board members agreed to consider a revision to the fees. Don will circulate a proposal for review and action at a later meeting.

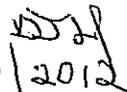
c. City has learned that a group of as many as 1,500 motorcyclists plan to hold a rally at Blue Hole Regional Park in the fall. Board members agreed the Park will not be closed to the general public for this event.

5. Announcements

- a. Next meeting date: June 20
- b. Future agenda items: Weddings; revision of fees

6. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Recorded by Dell J. Hood

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