

**CITY OF WIMBERLEY PARKS BOARD**  
**MINUTES, OCTOBER 19, 2011**  
**WIMBERLEY CITY HALL**  
**221 STILLWATER, WIMBERLEY, TEXAS**

Present: Thad Nance, Mark Bursiel, Jan Fulkerson, Dell Hood, M.F. Johnson, Cathy Flocke;  
City Administrator Don Ferguson; Blue Hole Park director Doug Carter.

Absent: Vance Smith

Meeting called to order by Board President Thad Nance at 5:00 p.m.

1. Minutes: Minutes of Board meeting of July 20, 2011 were corrected and accepted as corrected by unanimous vote.
2. Citizen communications: None.
3. Staff reports
  - a. Blue Hole Regional Park: Don Ferguson reported construction on Phase II of the Blue Hole Regional Park development is in full swing, with an estimated completion in spring 2012. Work is being done on all recreation facilities except the tennis courts, and the Wimberley Tennis Association is raising the funds needed for the tennis courts. City has bought the waste water treatment plant and will take over operation of it on Jan. 1, 2012; effluent will be used for the soccer fields; until that stage is reached, the fields will be watered from an existing well on the property. Most of the landscaping for the Phase II development has been postponed because of the drought.
  - b. Triangle Park: Don outlined plans for eventual placement of a public message board at the City's small triangle park at the Y, and use of the site for public art displays when that becomes financially feasible.
  - c. Community Center: Don reviewed progress in developing program opportunities at the Center, including the current monthly jazz nights and game nights for next summer.
4. Discussion and possible action - Possible development of a pocket park on Old Kyle Road:

Don reported on the public meeting held jointly by the City and the Rotary Club on possible uses for the small pocket park along Old Kyle Road and above the ledge of Cypress Creek Nature Trail. He reviewed suggestions made at that meeting and asked for Board member ideas. Board members suggested a peace pole in a peace park setting; a bird overlook into the canopy of the Nature Trail; and rustic fencing. Discussion also covered funding for improvements and maintenance of the area. Don will forward Board ideas to the Rotary Club and Bert Ray, who will work on the design of whatever is decided.

5. Tour of Blue Hole Regional Park:

Park Director Doug Carter reviewed the just-ended season for park. Income from admissions totaled more than \$23,000, compared to \$15,000 last year. Peak attendance was on the first Saturdays in July and August, when more than 600 paid admissions were collected on each day. Gross revenue from park operations this year totaled more than \$127,800. Staff began to accept credit card payments in August, and will continue the practice. There were seven rentals of the swimming hole area, including two weddings and a commercial photo shoot.

6. Board member reports: None.

7. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m. and Board members joined Don and Doug for a tour of the Blue Hole Park to see progress on the recreation facilities.

Recorded by Dell J. Hood *DJH*  
*Accepted Dec. 14, 2011*