

**CITY OF WIMBERLEY PARKS BOARD
MINUTES, MARCH 16, 2011
WIMBERLEY CITY HALL
221 STILLWATER, WIMBERLEY, TEXAS**

Present: Christine Byrne, Cathy Flocke, Dell Hood, M.F. Johnson, Horace Wilson; Don Ferguson

Absent: Jan Fulkerson, Thad Nance.

Meeting called to order by Board Vice President Horace Wilson at 5:30 p.m.

1. Minutes: Minutes of Board meeting of Feb. 16, 2011 were accepted as submitted by unanimous consent.

2. Citizen communications: None.

3. Staff reports

a. City Administrator Don Ferguson reported work on the hike-and-bike trail is nearing completion and he encouraged Board members to walk it. A tentative public opening event is planned for April. He said the trail is "being loved to death", with people parking at various points along it. Board discussed whether parking should be available at special parking areas along the Winters Mill Parkway.

b. The Blue Hole swimming area should be ready for public opening in June.

c. Four finalists have been identified for the Blue Hole Regional Park manager job. They are very well qualified and experienced in public recreation.

d. Don said a proposal has been made to create a Friends of the Trail group to help City maintain the hike and bike trail. Board members agreed this is a good proposal.

4. Discussion and possible action

a. Wimberley Community Center: A draft RFP for a management company to take over operation of the Center should be available soon. City is interviewing applicants for the Center part-time director position and hopes to select someone within two weeks.

b. Dogs on regional hike and bike trail:

Don reported the City has received numerous comments from trail users about dogs messing on the public trail (and in other public areas of the City). Board discussed the issue at length, including whether the City should provide bags for removal of dog feces, placing signs along the trail, and other possible measures. Cathy Flocke moved that the Board recommend to Council that animal waste cleanup facilities be provided at appropriate points on the trail and that a leash law become part of the rules governing use of the hike and bike trail. Christine seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous vote.

5. Board member reports

Future meeting dates: Next regular Board meeting scheduled for April 20.