

Village of Wimberley Parks and Recreation Board
Minutes of Special Meeting, June 24, 2003, 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, 13210 RR 12, Wimberley, Texas

A. Meeting called to order by Chair Kris Cusack at 6:30 p.m. Present were Board members Cusack, Fred Franz, Linda Hewlett, Dell Hood, Thad Nance, and Horace Wilson. Board members Jan Fulkerson and Paul Xiques were absent. Board member Malcolm Harris was excused.

B. Review of minutes of June 10, 2003 meeting was deferred.

C. Public Forum - No questions asked or issues raised.

D. Consider and Act:

1. Second status report from Bosse, Compton & Turner Associates on trails master plan:

Don Bosse, Jose Portillo, and Lara Gammon Beard of Bosse, Compton & Turner (BCT), gave a PowerPoint presentation of their work to date on a master plan for a hiking and biking trail system for Wimberley. Mr. Bosse said he and his team spent several days in Wimberley observing where and how people move about. The firm's intention is to offer suggestions for the community to consider, without being specific on where trails would be. The goal is to show alternative routes that would create better pedestrian mobility without infringing on private property rights. There are existing utility easements that could be used for pedestrian traffic, as well as public rights of way along several roads, and sidewalk areas to be designed into the TxDOT expansion of RR 12, all of which could be developed with various design and surface materials for a public trails system. Based on where activities already take place and the existing layout of Wimberley, Mr. Bosse proposed four "Connecting Opportunities" designed as four separate but connecting loops: a Town Loop, a North Loop, a West Loop, and a South Loop.

Mr. Bosse said the next step is to present these proposals to the community. The team will not recommend the specific layout of any trails; instead, he suggested a day-long public session in which the community will be asked to comment on the general proposal and to make specific suggestions. The firm will have maps with each of the four proposed loops, and suggestion forms for people to fill out.

In an open public hearing, Mr. Bosse and his team answered questions from the public and from Board members. Board members agreed by consensus the best time for a public charette would be in late August or early September.

Board member Linda Hewlett moved that the Board recommend to City Council that BCT organize a public meeting to present its proposal for a trails master plan. Fred

Franz seconded. Motion approved 6 Ayes to 0 Nays.

2. Review draft of Request for Qualifications for architect for Cypress Creek Nature Trail, and recommendation to Council:

Kris Cusack, Horace Wilson, and City Administrator Steve Harrison reviewed with Board members the draft of a Request for Qualifications and proposals for professional services for design and construction of the Nature Trail. Board members discussed the RFQ, evaluation criteria for ranking and selection of respondents, and a process timeline in detail.

Dell Hood moved that the Board approve the draft RFQ, with the changes recommended by Horace Wilson and agreed to by the Board in discussion. Horace Wilson seconded. Motion approved 6 Ayes to 0 Nays.

E. Additional discussion and announcements

1. Kris distributed an e-mail message from Hays County grants administrator Richard Salmon discussing four recreation and parks projects the County is working on. Mr. Salmon asked for information and suggestions for others sites and projects the County could support. Kris suggested inviting Mr. Salmon to the Board meeting on July 22 to discuss how Wimberley and the County could work together on projects in our area. Board members agreed with this.

2. Dell distributed information from the Sierra Club on a conference it will sponsor at Southwest Texas State University on July 19th on "Providing Parkland and Protecting Open Spaces."

3. Kris reminded Board members this week is the deadline for submitting proposals for budget items to City Administrator Steve Harrison.

4. Thad distributed an article he has written for the Wimberley View on the Board's search for soccer fields.

5. Next Board regular meeting will be July 22, at 6:30 p.m.

F. Adjourn - Board adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Recorded by Dell Hood.