

Minutes of Wimberley Parks & Recreation Committee Regular Meeting
September 16, 2001 5:00 p.m. Wimberley City Hall

1. Present: Kris Cusack, Committee chair; Kathleen Cline, Dell Hood, Jane Morton, Thad Nance
Absent: Fred Franz

2. Minutes of meetings of August 19 and August 30 approved as submitted.

3. City Council member Walter Brown discussed his intention to submit to Council a resolution for the city to create a Parks, and Recreation Board to replace the Committee. He said a board would have more authority and status as an official entity of the city government and should also be able to create more support in the community for recreation planning and activities. Committee reviewed the draft ordinance and questioned Walter on several parts, particularly the relationship the board would have with the Planning and Zoning Commission, the number of board members and the number of those who must live in the city and its ETJ, and why he thinks it necessary to create the board now. Walter said he would consider members' concerns and revise his draft where possible, but that the city's attorney will have to review the draft before it goes to council, and that council has final authority.

4. Committee discussed at length a proposed two-page recreation facilities and activities survey by Dr. Sally Caldwell which she plans to use in a public meeting October 20. Committee suggested changes in wording and ordering of both parts. Jane Morton moved committee approve its revised facilities list, Dell Hood seconded, motion approved 4-0, Kathleen Cline having left. Dell Hood moved committee approve its revised activities list, Jane Morton seconded, motion approved 4-0. Thad Nance will e-mail revised versions to Dr. Caldwell.

5. Update on LCRA grant application, and letters of support for grant projects: Council member Martha Knies briefed committee on status of city's application to Lower Colorado River Authority for a matching grant to buy proposed Cypress Creek Nature Preserve, and distributed to committee a letter drafted by Mayor Hewlett, to be sent to selected organizations and businesses in Wimberley, asking for their ~~financial~~ support for the purchase of the Preserve. The Mayor wants to generate as much local financial support for the project as possible so that the LCRA match can be increased. Members agreed it is not appropriate for the Mayor to be asking for financial support for a city project, and that it would be more appropriate for the letter to come from the Parks and Recreation Committee. Committee agreed that the most important concern is to get the money needed to buy the property, and that fund raising for any infrastructure can be deferred until after the city owns the site. Council member Knies will discuss with the Mayor revisions to the letter.

6. Committee adjourned at 8:20 p.m. with no definite date for next meeting; Kris will set date for next meeting and inform members after discussions with Mayor on how to proceed with above-mentioned letter.

Recorded by Dell Hood