

CITY OF WIMBERLEY PARKS BOARD
MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 16, 2009
WIMBERLEY CITY HALL
12111 RANCH ROAD 12, WIMBERLEY, TEXAS

Present: Board members Christine Byrne, Cathy Flocke, Dell Hood, Horace Wilson; City Administrator Don Ferguson; Council member Steve Thurber.

Meeting called to order by Board Vice President Horace Wilson at 6:00 p.m.

1. Minutes of Board meeting of July 15, 2009 were accepted as submitted by unanimous vote.
2. Citizen communications: None.

3. Staff reports

City Administrator Ferguson gave an update on Blue Hole Regional Park development. Park was closed two weeks early due to low water flow in the drought and concerns over water quality. One lesson from this year is that trash needs to be collected and removed daily, and City will budget for that in 2010 park budget. Don hopes to be able to find someone to swim the Hole and do a profile of the bottom and clean it up.

City had a good meeting with the consultants on development of facilities. Consultants will hold a design charette for the public in October, with the capability to take public comments and ideas on design features and immediately produce visual representations to show what those ideas will look like. Date for the charette will be set soon and announcements will be made.

Recent rains caused some minor washouts on the trail, which will be repaired. Use of the trail has been good, and Don projects it will grow. City will proceed with completion of its part of the trail despite problems the County has had in getting the TexDOT grant through CAMPO. The \$100,000 the City is committed to providing may be enough to complete the main trail up to the park boundary.

4. Discussion and Possible Action - Community Center:

City will take over operational responsibility for the Community Center on October 1 and hopes to make the transition to municipal operation as seamless as possible. Board discussed ways to improve use of the Center, including possible recreational programs for youth and seniors, and bringing in adult education courses. Key issues for the City to resolve include the fee structure for users of the Center; increasing use of the Center by both community and outside groups; and improved marketing of the Center as a program venue for a diverse range of entities.

5. Board member reports: None.

6. Adjournment: Board meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Recorded by Dell J. Hood

Approved *DJH*
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