

**VILLAGE OF WIMBERLEY
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 20, 2006
CITY HALL, 13210 RANCH ROAD 12, WIMBERLEY**

Meeting called to order by Board Chair Jan Fulkerson at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Board members Mark Bursiel, Jan Fulkerson, Malcolm Harris, Dell Hood, Linda Hudson, Thad Nance, Horace Wilson.

Excused: Fred Franz, Tim Thompson.

Minutes of Board meeting of August 16, 2006 were approved by unanimous vote.

Public Comments:

Roger Parker said there will be a meeting on September 21 at Emily Ann Theater to discuss plans for a veterans memorial on the flagpole hill at the Theater. It is planned the memorial will display all the flags which have flown over Texas and those of the military services of Texas veterans. Board members asked to be kept informed of the progress of the project.

A. Reports

1. Status of Permanent Signage for Cypress Creek Nature Trail:

Horace said he has searched the internet for examples of park signage, and noted that our present signs are wordy. He has discussed the signs with Lance Calley and wants to ask Lance to submit an estimate of the cost to make the required signs. Board members discussed what the signs should look like and alternatives for getting them made, including seeing if it could be proposed as an Eagle Scout project. Board members agreed the signs should look natural and in keeping with the Wimberley ambiance.

2. Invasive Species at Blue Hole:

Dell reported on the Asian marshweed problem in Cypress Creek below Blue Hole. He has heard from several people and groups who could be mustered as volunteers for a clean-up project.

3. Final Financial Report on Blue Hole Operations for Summer 2006:

Continued to next meeting.

4. Blue Hole Master Plan

Thad reported on the first of the community meetings on the master planning process for Blue Hole held on September 7. He reviewed the main points of the presentation by the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. Horace noted that the map the Center is distributing has one mistake, in the location of the trail connecting the Blue Hole park to the Nature Trail.

B. Consider & Act

1. Recommendation for City on Eagle Scout Project for Bird Viewing Site:

Horace said Jesse Huth has presented his proposal for a bird blind at the Wimberley Birding

Society Refuge to the Planning & Zoning Commission. One detail to resolve is whether the trail to the blind needs to be handicapped accessible, and if so, how to achieve this. Jesse asked for a letter from the Board recommending his project which he could use in applying for grant funds to cover construction costs. Board members discussed the proposal, noting that it is to be built with grant funds and maintained by the Birding Society, and will not cost the City anything.

Mark moved to recommend that the City continue to work with Jesse Huth on the bird viewing project. Thad seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous vote. Board members agreed that since Horace has worked with Jesse on the project, he should write the letter of recommendation and sign it on behalf of the Board.

C. Work Session

1. Possible Volunteer Days for Cypress Creek Workday:

Horace said the City needs to clean up and improve the appearance of the land within the Nature Trail boundary which is on top of the bluff between the lumber yard and the private house down Old Kyle Road. This can be opened for public use as an overlook area, with proper guard rails. This work along with maintenance work on the trail itself can be counted as volunteer hours toward the local matching contribution required under the TPW grant. Board members discussed the proposal, including general maintenance work on the Trail, at length. Jan, Malcolm and Horace agreed to look into possibilities for cleaning up the site and installation of appropriate fencing.

2. Invasive Species Work Day at Blue Hole:

Dell agreed to try to coordinate a schedule for continuing work by volunteers on removing the Asian marshweed from Blue Hole.

D. Announcements & Requests for Future Agenda Items:

1. Discussion on a recommendation to Council on invasive species in Cypress Creek - Malcolm
2. Report on veterans memorial at Emily Ann Theater - Jan
3. New Board members and election of officers for 2007 - Jan

E. Adjournment: Board meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Recorded by Dell J. Hood

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