

**CITY OF WIMBERLEY PARKS BOARD
MINUTES, OCTOBER 20, 2010
WIMBERLEY CITY HALL
221 STILLWATER, WIMBERLEY, TEXAS**

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

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

1. Minutes of Sept. 15, 2010, Board meeting were accepted as presented by unanimous vote.
2. Citizen Comments: None.
3. Staff reports
 - a. City Administrator Don Ferguson reported the official ground-breaking ceremony for the Blue Hole Regional Park construction will be on November 7, at 2:00 p.m. He encouraged all Board members to attend. City Hall has sent out approximately 2,000 invitations to the event, and all attendees will receive a free admissions pass for 2011. City opened bids on the construction last week and is in the review and negotiation stage now. He believes City Council should be able to announce the winning bidder on Nov. 4.
 - b. Council adopted the sign policy for the Community Center as recommended by the Board and it is being implemented on a "soft" basis for the current election cycle. Don will be monitoring the situation closely.
 - c. There has been discussion among City officials, on a preliminary basis, of outsourcing the management of the Community Center. A contractor would be responsible for all marketing and staffing, under City policy and guidelines. As discussions proceed, Board will be asked to review and authorize changes as needed.
4. Discussion and possible action
 - a. Community Center fee schedule: Don reported on the first full year of City operation of the Community Center - there were approximately 457 bookings. He believes there could be more use by small local groups if the fee schedule for the Blanco and Cypress rooms was changed to allow for less than three-hour rentals, so that groups would be able to rent these rooms for one or two hours.

Don proposed to adjust the fee schedule for the Cypress Room for Wimberley Valley non-profit organizations and local residents to be: Monday-Thursday, \$12 per hour, and Friday-Sunday, \$20 per hour; for the Blanco Room, Monday-Thursday, \$15 per hour, Friday-Sunday, \$25 per hour.

Board discussed the proposal, including how use is to be monitored and fees collected. Jan moved that the Board accept the rate changes as proposed. MF Johnson seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

b. Seniors' Fitness Class, Community Center: Don said the senior's fitness program has become so popular, with so many participants, that it has to consider moving from the Seniors Lounge to Johnson Hall in the Community Center. However, the restriction on income-producing activities in the Center means the event can not earn any more money than the fee for the program leader. MF distributed a proposal to retain the program and allow it to continue to develop for the community as a whole by having the Mayor's Fitness Council, a City-sponsored activity, take over the seniors' fitness program, incorporate it into the present City-sponsored fitness program, open it to all ages, and allow it to move to Johnson Hall. Board members discussed the proposal and agreed by consensus that this is the best solution.

5. Announcements: November meeting will be on Nov. 17.

6. Adjourn: Board meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Recorded by Dell J. Hood

Accepted Nov. 17, 2010