



City of Wimberley

221 Stillwater, Wimberley, Texas 78676

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

JOINT MEETING WITH PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
WIMBERLEY CITY HALL – CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
221 STILLWATER, WIMBERLEY, TEXAS 78676

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023 - 4:00 PM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

September 26, 2023, at 4:00 PM

Mayor Gina Fulkerson called the Special Joint Meeting of the City Council and Parks and Recreation Board to order at 4:05 p.m.

2. CALL OF ROLL

Council Members Present:

Gina Fulkerson, Mayor
Rebecca Minnick, Place 1
Teresa Shell, Place 2
Chris Sheffield, Place 3
Jim Chiles, Place 4

Parks Board Members Present:

Noland Martin
Leah Cuddeback
Amy Crowell
Kelly Shand
Anthony Deringer

Staff Members Present:

Richard Shaver, Parks
Director
Tammy Heller, City Secretary
Tim Patek, City Administrator

Council Members Absent:

David Cohen, Place 5

Parks Board Members Absent:

Lin Weber
Lea Ann Linam

3. CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS

The City Council welcomes comments from citizens at regular meetings. Citizens wishing to speak must sign up prior to the meeting being called to order. We abide by the Texas Open Meetings Act, so council members are allowed only to speak about items posted on the agenda. All other inquiries will be forwarded to staff and may be placed on a future agenda for discussion. Speakers will have one opportunity to speak during the time period, and they must observe the three-minute time limit. After you state your name, staff will start the timer and you have 3 minutes to speak. We will endeavor to ensure that meetings are conducted in a courteous manner, and in an atmosphere free of defamation, intimidation, personal affronts, profanity, or threats of violence.

There were no citizen comments.

4. PRESENTATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- 4.1. Receive an update from MHS Planning and Design, LLC regarding the Wimberley Parks and Recreation Master Plan, hold discussion and consider possible action.

The representatives of MHS Planning & Design provided a presentation on the Wimberley Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Items discussed included public engagement overview, community survey results, needs analysis, recommendations, priorities, and next steps.

Results of the community survey, by both residents and visitors, were explained in detail. Responses received were in relation to who visited the parks, the frequency of park visits, recreational activities, programming, distance people travel to get to the parks, and the funding priorities respondents listed.

A question was posed regarding aquatics as a possible funding priority and why that is not in the top ten elements. The consultants stated this was not a specific question in the survey but the open-ended comments received illustrated that many citizens do want some type of water feature in the parks.

The Needs Analysis and recommendations were discussed in relation to new parks and existing parks. The recommendations include acquisition of new parkland, conducting a feasibility report on aquatics, construction of an additional playground, constructing trails, installing shade structures, and installing wayfinding & interpretative signage, and improving accessibility.

In depth discussion was held on the proposed aquatic feasibility report and the possible benefits of a community pool (or other water feature) and how it could be funded, including partnering with other entities, either public or private.

Council Member Minnick left the meeting prior to adjournment at 5:07 p.m.

In conclusion, the following priorities were presented:

1. Aquatics (Pool, Splashpad, River Access, etc.)
2. Trail & Trail Connectivity
3. Site Furniture (Shade, Benches, Picnic Tables, etc.)
4. Playgrounds
5. Signage (Interpretive, Informational, Directional, etc.)
6. Open Space
7. Multi-Generational Center (Nature, Senior, Recreational, etc.)
8. Paddlesports (Kayak, Canoe, Paddleboard, etc.)
9. Multi-Purpose Fields (Soccer)
10. Outdoor Amphitheater

The Council and Parks Board consensus was to add water stations to this list and to expand on the opportunities of our current community center and make it more of a multi-generational center that aligns with current priority #7. The consultant will make these adjustments and continue to work on the draft and then create an implementation schedule, provide a draft plan, then have a formal adoption by the Council later this year.

5. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Chiles, seconded by Council Member Shell, to adjourn the special joint meeting at 5:39 p.m. The motion carried.

RECORDED BY:

Tammy Heller, City Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Gina V. Fulkerson, Mayor

