



# City of Wimberley

221 Stillwater, Wimberley, Texas 78676

**REGULAR PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING**  
**WIMBERLEY CITY HALL – CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**221 STILLWATER, WIMBERLEY, TEXAS 78676**  
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2026 - 4:30 PM**

## **AGENDA**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**                      January 14, 2026, at 4:30 PM
  
2. **CALL OF ROLL**
  
3. **CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS**  
*This provides an opportunity for the citizens to comment on agenda and non-agenda items in advance of the regular business of the Parks and Recreation Board. Those wishing to speak must sign-in before the meeting begins and observe a three-minute time limit when addressing the Board. Speakers will have one opportunity to speak during the time period. Comments from speakers should not be directed towards any specific member of the Board or City staff. Comments should not be accusatory, derogatory or threatening in nature.*
  
4. **MINUTES**
  - 4.1. Consider approval of minutes from the December 10, 2025 Regular Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting.
  
5. **CITY STAFF REPORT**
  - 5.1. Parks Director report
  
6. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**
  - 6.1. Discussion and possible action regarding the Blue Hole Nature Center project.
  
7. **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**
  
8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Attendance by Other Elected or Appointed Officials: It is anticipated that members of other governmental bodies, and/or city boards, commissions and/or committees may attend the meeting in numbers that may constitute a quorum of the body, board, commission and/or committee. The members of the boards, commissions and/or committees may be permitted to participate in discussion on the same items listed on the agenda, which occur at the meeting, but no action will be taken by such in attendance unless item and action is specifically provided for on an agenda for that body, board, commission or committee subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act.

**CERTIFICATION**

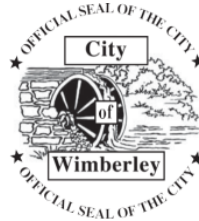
I hereby certify the above Notice of Meeting was posted on the bulletin board at Wimberley City Hall, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and to the City's website, [www.cityofwimberley.com](http://www.cityofwimberley.com), in compliance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, on Thursday, January 8, 2026 by 12:00 p.m., and remained posted for atleast 3 business days preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.



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Tammy Heller, City Secretary

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2025 - 4:30 PM

### MINUTES

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Parks Board meeting was called to order at 4:39 p.m. on December 10, 2025.

#### **2. CALL OF ROLL**

Present: Lee Ann Linam, Lin Weber, Leah Cuddeback, Amy Crowell, Anthony Deringer, and Lori Olson. Absent: Rachel Buchanan. Staff Present: Erica Flocke

#### **3. CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no citizen communications.

#### **4. MINUTES**

##### **4.1. Consider approval of minutes from the November 12, 2025 Regular Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting.**

The Board reviewed the minutes from the November 12, 2025 Regular Meeting.

Motion by Lori Olson to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Lin Weber. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **5. CITY STAFF REPORT**

##### **5.1. Interim Parks Director report**

Interim Parks Director Erica Flocke provided a comprehensive update on multiple park projects and activities:

The Oak Park stage construction has been completed in time for holiday events, matching the building's paint color and integrating well with the existing structure.

Two RFPs will be closing at the beginning of the year, requiring volunteers from the Board for scoring committees.

The spray field fence at Blue Hole is nearly completely dismantled, which proved to be more labor-intensive than anticipated due to the fence's sturdy construction from 1987. Maintenance staff Ryan, Will, and Bryce were commended for their work. The city posted on the Facebook community forum to give away excess fencing material, which generated over 30 inquiries.

Over 30 pounds of native seed (including gramma, drop seed, tridens, side oats, and wildflower seed) was spread on the former spray field area. The Parks Department consulted with Native American Seed about creating a native prairie in this location. The area is currently in a transitional stage and will develop over time.

Staff contacted several people about native hay for the Blue Hole level treatment area, which will be discussed later in the agenda.

Trail signage remains a priority, though work has been delayed due to maintenance staff focusing on other projects. The Interim Director emphasized this project hasn't been forgotten and is considered daily.

The Polar Bear Plunge is scheduled for January 3rd, the first Saturday of the year. This year's event will feature a full trail run on the hike and bike trail instead of on roads, in partnership with the county. This change addresses safety concerns from previous years regarding partial road closures.

A Community Center Technician position is open, with applications being accepted through the city's website.

Park sponsorships for 2026 are open, with \$8,500 collected so far, including \$2,500 from Andersen Windows, \$5,000 sponsorship from Ally Medical as the title sponsor for the Boo! Hole event next year, and \$1,000 from H-E-B. The Interim Director is working on additional contracts with other businesses and the Friends of Wimberley Parks group. Last year's sponsorship program raised \$8,000 total, making this year's early results promising.

The Interim Director shared early concept drawings for the Blue Hole Nature Center, presenting two design options. Option 1 features a fully air-conditioned classroom space, while Option 2 divides the space between conditioned classroom and open exhibit areas. The Board discussed the importance of maintaining conditioned classroom space while potentially extending the canopy to create more covered area for exhibits. The discussion highlighted the value of having flexible, air-conditioned space for camps, events, and multiple uses, with several Board members noting the benefits of having a climate-controlled space in Texas weather.

Additional updates included:

- Community Thanksgiving had over 1,000 attendees
- A gun show at the Community Center had over 1,500 attendees
- The Interim Director will apply for a \$100,000 LCRA grant for the Martha Knies playground, with a due date at the end of January

- LCRA approved a workday grant providing approximately 40 volunteers to help paint parking stops at the Community Center in April
- Keep Wimberley Beautiful has provided a letter of support with a \$50,000 donation for the Martha Knies playground project
- A positive meeting was held with the Friends of Wimberley Parks group to discuss the scaled-down nature center project and to make introductions

## **6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

### **6.1. Receive an update and hold discussion related to the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan.**

The Interim Parks Director shared a summary sheet of the Comprehensive Master Plan's priorities and key recommendations, with page number references. The Board discussed progress on various recommendations including:

- The aquatic feasibility study (in progress)
- Trail signage (planned)
- Redevelopment of Martha Knies Park (in progress)
- Design standards for trail signs

The Board also discussed the land acquisition priority from the master plan. The Board discussed the value of making connections with landowners and exploring partnerships rather than focusing exclusively on purchasing new land. Discussion centered on potential opportunities to partner with existing facilities like John Knox Ranch or the Texas State University Camp to increase public access without necessarily acquiring new property.

Board Members emphasized the need to restart the Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC) consisting of Board Members Amy Crowell, Lori Olson, and Leah Cuddeback. They agreed to schedule a meeting by February to discuss land and trail priorities.

The Board also noted an upcoming meeting on December 17th at 9 AM at Oak Park to discuss downtown trail connectivity, with City staff, Council Member Minnick, and Billy Fields from Texas State University.

### **6.2. Receive an update, discuss and consider possible action regarding the leveled treatment area at Blue Hole.**

The Interim Director explained that City Council directed rehabilitation of the area, and sought input from the board on implementation methods. The Interim Director has contacted several people about native hay without success, and Board Member Linam had previously suggested hydro mulching as an alternative.

The Director indicated this project is currently a lower priority than trail work and could be revisited in spring or summer. Chair Cuddeback offered a resource from the Hill Country Alliance on hillside stewardship that addresses establishing vegetation and reducing erosion and offered to connect staff with experts who could provide guidance.

The Board suggested seeking consultation from restoration experts to assess the site and provide recommendations, mentioning local resources including Chris Middleton who had expressed interest in walking the area. The Board agreed to revisit this project in March, potentially coordinating with a Hill Country Alliance board meeting scheduled in Wimberley in the spring.

### **6.3. Receive an update, discuss and consider possible action to appoint a Parks & Recreation Board Member to serve on the scoring committee for the Martha Knies Playground Project and the Aquatic Feasibility Study Project.**

The Board discussed the need for volunteers to serve on two separate scoring committees. For the Martha Knies Playground Project, the RFP closes on January 8th, with the Interim Director reporting significant interest from playground companies, with at least 10 potential applicants and numerous questions received. The Interim Director noted one key consideration being raised by companies is working around an existing large tree in the playground area.

For the Aquatic Feasibility Study, the Director has received 5-10 questions, indicating fewer companies are likely to apply compared to the playground project.

The scoring process will involve reviewing applications and participating in a scoring day, where committee members will evaluate proposals based on a scoring sheet. The expected time commitment would be a few hours for the review meeting, plus time to individually review applications.

Board Member Anthony Deringer volunteered for the Martha Knies Playground Project committee, and Board Member Amy Crowell volunteered for the Aquatic Feasibility Study committee.

## **7. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

### **7.1. Announcements.**

Chair Cuddeback shared information about a new flood recovery resource called "Healing in the Hill Country," developed by Hill Country Alliance. She explained that the guide focuses on riparian stewardship and post-flood land restoration, with many stories and lessons learned from Wimberley landowners affected by the Memorial Day flood ten years ago. She noted that while the area is currently in drought conditions, the resource will be valuable for future flood events.

### **7.2. Future agenda item.**

No future agenda items were proposed.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion to adjourn was made by Lin Weber, seconded by Lori Olson, and approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:41 PM.*

**RECORDED BY:**

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**PARB Secretary**

**APPROVED BY:**

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**PARB Chairperson**





<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>	1. Parks Director report
<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>	Erica Flocke
<b>DATE SUBMITTED:</b>	12/22/2025
<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	January 14, 2026

## AGENDA FORM

### ITEM DESCRIPTION/SUMMARY

- MK Playground RFP closed 01/08
- Aquatic Feasibility RFP closed 01/08
- Trail signage project has begun
- Polar Bear Plunge 350 runners, 150 spectators, sold out for first time
- Community Center Technician position filled with Park Supervisors
- Park sponsorships open \$14,500 collected
- LCRA grant for MK playground
- Seasonal hiring (camp/swim) to begin soon
- Registration open for all 2026 programs/events
- Nature center project in schematic design phase

### REQUESTED ACTION

### FINANCIAL

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

### ATTACHMENT/S

1. Resolution of Support Template - LCRA Grant

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD EXPRESSING SUPPORT OF THE SUBMISSION OF A COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION TO THE LOWER COLORADO RIVER AUTHORITY (LCRA) FOR THE MARTHA KNIES COMMUNITY PLAYGROUND UPDATE PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Parks and Recreation Board unanimously extends their support for an application to be submitted to LCRA for a Community Grant; and

**WHEREAS**, this grant would help the City of Wimberley improve the Martha Knies Community Playground which is a well-used neighborhood park facility located downtown; and that provides recreational opportunities for children, families and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, this park provides recreation opportunities for children, families, and visitors and improvements to the existing playground structure are needed to enhance safety, accessibility and overall functionality for all; and

**WHEREAS**, the LCRA Community Development Partnership Program offers grant funding that supports community improvement projects that enhance local infrastructure and recreation facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, this funding would allow the city to provide updates to the playground which align with the city’s goals to promote outdoor recreation, community engagement, and inclusive public spaces;

**NOW, THEREFORE, the Parks and Recreation Board supports the submission of a grant application to the Lower Colorado River Authority for funding assistance for the Martha Knies Community Playground Update project.**

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 14th day of January, 2026

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Parks and Recreation Board Chair

ATTEST:

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Parks and Recreation Board Secretary



<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>	1. Discussion and possible action regarding the Blue Hole Nature Center project.
<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>	
<b>DATE SUBMITTED:</b>	01/06/2026
<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	January 14, 2026

## AGENDA FORM

**ITEM DESCRIPTION/SUMMARY**

**REQUESTED ACTION**

**FINANCIAL**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**ATTACHMENT/S**

None