



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, FEBRUARY 18, 2026 - 4:30 PM

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER** February 18, 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 January 14, 2026 Regular Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting.
5. **CITY STAFF REPORT**
 - 5.1. Parks Director report
6. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**
 - 6.1. Discuss, consider, and make a recommendation regarding the potential installation of a coin vortex fundraising feature in a City park, in partnership with the Wimberley Lions Club. (Erica Flocke, Parks Director)
 - 6.2. Discuss, consider, and make a recommendation to City Council regarding the City of Wimberley Parks Department Aquatics Feasibility Study. (RFP #2025-03). (Erica Flocke, Parks Director)
 - 6.3. Discuss, consider, and make a recommendation to City Council regarding the City of Wimberley Parks Department Martha Knies Community Park - Playground Update. (RFP #2025-04). (Erica Flocke, Parks Director)
 - 6.4. Receive an update and hold discussion related to the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan. (Erica Flocke, Parks Director)

7. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

7.1. Announcements.

7.2. Future agenda item.

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, in compliance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, on Monday, February 9, 2026, by 6:00 p.m., and remained posted for atleast 3 business days preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.



Tammy Heller, City Secretary

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2026 - 4:30 PM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Parks Board meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m. on January 14, 2026.

2. CALL OF ROLL

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

3. CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS

There were no citizen communications.

4. MINUTES

4.1. Consider approval of minutes from the December 10, 2025 Regular Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting.

*Motion by a Lin Weber to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Leah Cuddeback.
Motion passed unanimously (6-0).*

5. CITY STAFF REPORT

5.1. Parks Director report

The Parks Director provided several updates on ongoing projects and activities:

- The Martha Knies Park (MKP) Playground RFP and the aquatic feasibility RFP closed on January 8th, with scoring due by January 26th.
- The trail signage project has begun, with the maintenance team working with the library to 3D print routing stencils.
- The Polar Bear Plunge event was very successful, selling out all 350 spots for the first time ever and attracting approximately 150 spectators. The director noted that they would order more t-shirts next year and mentioned that moving the event to the trails instead of city streets had improved the experience.

- The vacant Community Center technician position has been filled by cross-training existing park supervisors, allowing for more efficient use of staff resources.
- Park sponsorships are still available and have generated over \$14,000 from various sources so far.
- The department is applying for a \$100,000 LCRA grant for the MKP Playground project, with application due January 31st. A resolution of support was included in the agenda packet for signatures and would also be presented to City Council.
- Seasonal hiring will begin soon, with approximately 30 seasonal positions to be filled before summer.
- Registration is now open for all 2026 programs and events, with several already selling out, including the World of Crystals program and Guided Hikes.
- The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) has recommended the city for funding through an outdoor recreation grant of \$750,000 for the Blue Hole Nature Center outdoor portion. The Parks Director and City Administrator will attend the TPWD commission meeting on January 22nd for the final decision.

Board members expressed appreciation for the public input survey created for Martha Knies Community Park, which has already received approximately 200 responses plus numerous Facebook comments. The survey will close on Tuesday, January 20th at 9:30 AM.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

6.1. Discussion and possible action regarding the Blue Hole Nature Center project.

Representatives from Lake Flato Architects and Lionheart presented a design update for the Blue Hole Nature Center project. The presentation team included:

- Garrett Jones, Lake Flato
- Tenna Florian, Lake Flato
- AnAn Shen, Lake Flato
- Michael Miehaus, Lionheart
- Andrew Lesmes, Lionheart

The presentation covered site orientation, building programming, exterior renderings, sustainability features, and exhibit concepts. Key aspects included:

Site Plan and Building Design:

- The facility consists of two primary blocks of conditioned space, including two classrooms in the main building and a bathroom building, connected by covered outdoor space.
- The classroom building features a south-facing orientation to optimize solar exposure for photovoltaic panels.
- The restrooms are in a separate building to allow them to remain accessible to trail users even when the classroom spaces are closed.
- Each classroom can accommodate approximately 24 students, and a dividing wall can be opened to create a larger space for events of 70-100 people.

- The restroom building includes three water closets in each gendered restroom plus one family restroom.

Sustainability Elements:

- Photovoltaic panels on the south-facing roof would cover approximately 24% of the facility's energy use, with a 16-year payback period.
- The design includes rainwater collection systems with 2,000-4,000 gallons capacity from 3,000 square feet of roof area.
- Three different "water stories" were proposed: using rainwater for toilet flushing, educational demonstrations for children, and landscape features showing how to handle stormwater.
- Materials were selected for durability, including Texas limestone with smeared mortar and fiberglass cement siding (similar to Hardie board).

Landscape and Exhibit Concepts:

- Lionheart presented a landscape design focused on restoration and education, proposing to create a model for reforestation and water conservation.
- The landscape plan includes "water earthworks" to slow and sink rainwater for vegetation establishment.
- The design would create different zones including pocket meadows, upland forests, and enhanced swales.
- The landscape architects proposed demonstrating techniques for rebuilding soil and establishing trees with minimal water, including the use of "Groasis Waterboxx" that allow trees to be watered just twice a year during establishment.
- Board members discussed the importance of telling stories about landscape healing, water conservation, and the role of native plants in creating resilience against drought and floods.

Art and Exhibit Features:

- An art wall is proposed at the entrance to serve as a focal point for storytelling.
- Examples of potential artistic installations were shown, similar to work Lake Flato had done with Bridge Projects at other locations.
- Board members suggested incorporating recognition for project donors and funders into the design.
- There was discussion about creating connections between the nature center and other park areas through self-guided tours or scavenger hunts.

The board provided feedback on the design concepts, emphasizing the importance of:

- Focusing on landscape education that visitors could apply at home
- Showcasing native plants and forest diversity
- Explaining the relationship between water, soil, and vegetation
- Creating exhibits that would be visible even when the building is closed

- Using historical photos to show landscape changes over time
- Incorporating donor recognition in a nature-themed way

No formal action was taken on this item, but the design team expressed appreciation for the board's input and indicated they would incorporate the feedback as they continued to develop the project.

7. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

A brief update was provided on a site visit to the level treatment area with Parks Board members, Chris Middleton, and Cathy Ramsey. The group walked through the area and discussed future rehabilitation plans. It was decided that the decomposed granite pile would be spread on the site to help establish soil and plant growth rather than moving it elsewhere. The existing erosion control fence would be removed as it was not serving much purpose, with some more natural methods to be used instead, such as cedar logs or rocks to manage water flow.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lin Weber to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Lee Ann Linam. Motion passed unanimously (6-0). The meeting was adjourned at 6:19 PM.

RECORDED BY:

APPROVED BY:

PARB Secretary (or Staff Liaison)

PARB Chairperson





AGENDA ITEM:	1. Parks Director report
SUBMITTED BY:	Erica Flocke
DATE SUBMITTED:	01/20/2026
MEETING DATE:	February 18, 2026

AGENDA FORM

ITEM DESCRIPTION/SUMMARY

- Swim registration opens March 1
- Camp registration opened February 1 and is performing well
- Four staff members attended the TRAPS conference, with two attending on full scholarship
- Trail signage project is ongoing
- Recent freeze resulted in approximately \$900 in plumbing repairs, primarily at the pavilion restroom. A drainage bib was added at the pavilion restroom to better prepare for future winter storms. Staff are evaluating adding drainage bibs to all restrooms in the next budget cycle
- Received a \$600 grant from the Native Plant Society of Texas for the decommissioned spray field project plantings
- Makers Market is using the booths at Oak Park once a month and will be adding live music soon
- A meeting with Texas State University to discuss a U-Camp partnership is scheduled for February 27
- The LCRA grant application has been submitted
- The Nature Center project has moved out of schematic design and is now in the design development phase
- Interviews are ongoing for all seasonal positions

REQUESTED ACTION

FINANCIAL

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

ATTACHMENT/S

None



AGENDA ITEM:	1. Discuss, consider, and make a recommendation regarding the potential installation of a coin vortex fundraising feature in a City park, in partnership with the Wimberley Lions Club. (Erica Flocke, Parks Director)
SUBMITTED BY:	
DATE SUBMITTED:	02/09/2026
MEETING DATE:	February 18, 2026

AGENDA FORM

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REQUESTED ACTION

FINANCIAL

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

ATTACHMENT/S

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AGENDA ITEM:	2. Discuss, consider, and make a recommendation to City Council regarding the City of Wimberley Parks Department Aquatics Feasibility Study. (RFP #2025-03). <i>(Erica Flocke, Parks Director)</i>
SUBMITTED BY:	Erica Flocke
DATE SUBMITTED:	02/02/2026
MEETING DATE:	February 18, 2026

AGENDA FORM

ITEM DESCRIPTION/SUMMARY

The City of Wimberley Parks Department issued Request for Proposals (RFP #2025-03) for an Aquatics Feasibility Study to evaluate current and future aquatic needs, potential facility options, estimated costs, and operational considerations. Proposals were received and reviewed in accordance with the City's procurement policies. The Parks Director will present the study scope, evaluation process, and recommended consultant. The Board is asked to discuss the item and make a recommendation to City Council.

REQUESTED ACTION

FINANCIAL

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

ATTACHMENT/S

1. Bid Tabulation Sheet - RFP Aquatic Feasibility



**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – Aquatic Feasibility RFP
 BID TABULATION FORM**

BID TITLE: Martha Knies Community Playground RFP
DATE OF BID OPENING & TIME: Thursday, January 8, 2026 @ 2:00PM

BIDDER'S NAME ADDRESS BIDDER'S PHONE EMAIL	BIDDER #1 Brandstetter Caroll Inc. 17304 Preston Road, Ste 1020 Dallas, TX 75252 Ben Brandstetter ben@bciaep.com 469-941-4926	BIDDER #2 Hotel & Leisure Advisors 14805 Detroit Ave. Ste 420 Cleveland, OH 44107 David Sangree - President	BIDDER #3 Kimley-Horn Austin Powers 512-910-7849 austin.powers@kimley-horn.com	BIDDER #4
AMOUNT OF BID:	\$ 63,000	\$ 99,700	\$ 58,000	\$
BIDDER'S NAME ADDRESS BIDDER'S PHONE EMAIL	BIDDER #5	BIDDER #6	BIDDER #7	BIDDER #8
AMOUNT OF BID:	\$	\$	\$	\$



AGENDA ITEM:	3. Discuss, consider, and make a recommendation to City Council regarding the City of Wimberley Parks Department Martha Knies Community Park - Playground Update. (RFP #2025-04). <i>(Erica Flocke, Parks Director)</i>
SUBMITTED BY:	Erica Flocke
DATE SUBMITTED:	02/02/2026
MEETING DATE:	February 18, 2026

AGENDA FORM

ITEM DESCRIPTION/SUMMARY

The City of Wimberley Parks Department issued Request for Proposals (RFP #2025-04) for updates to the playground at Martha Knies Community Park. The purpose of this project is to enhance the safety, accessibility, and overall user experience of the playground while addressing aging equipment and community needs. Proposals were received and reviewed in accordance with the City's procurement policies. The Parks Director will present an overview of the project, the evaluation process, and the recommended vendor for consideration. The Board is asked to discuss the proposal and make a recommendation to City Council.

REQUESTED ACTION

FINANCIAL

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

ATTACHMENT/S

1. Bid Tabulation Sheet - RFP Martha Knies



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – MARTHA KNIES COMMUNITY PLAYGROUND RFP BID TABULATION FORM

BID TITLE: Martha Knies Community Playground RFP
DATE OF BID OPENING & TIME: Thursday, January 8, 2026 @ 2:00PM

BIDDER'S NAME ADDRESS BIDDER'S PHONE EMAIL	BIDDER #1 LEA Park & Play 1105 Hampshire Lane Richardson, TX 75080 972-690-8163 info@leaparkandplay.com	BIDDER #2 LEA Park & Play 1105 Hampshire Lane Richardson, TX 75080 972-690-8163 info@leaparkandplay.com	BIDDER #3 Cunningham Recreation PO BOX 240981 Charlotte, NC 28224 tracey@cunninghamrec.com 800-430-2780	BIDDER #4 Kompan Inc Headquartered in Denmark Local Headquarter in Austin, TX Kim Mettenbrink kimmet@kompan.com
AMOUNT OF BID:	\$ 122,646.99 (opt. 1) \$ 162,683.49 (opt. 2)	\$ 198,806.40 (opt. 3) \$ 238,842.90 (opt. 4)	\$ 146,502.02 (opt. 1) \$ 148,956.33 (opt. 2)	\$ 250,000 (opt. 1) \$ 264,523.29 (opt. 2)
BIDDER'S NAME ADDRESS BIDDER'S PHONE EMAIL	BIDDER #5 Fun Abounds Mike Giehl 114 Venice Sugarland, TX 77478 512-636-8260 mike@fabplaygrounds.com \$ 27,694 – Bonded Rubber Mulch \$ 29,200 – Pour in Place \$6,778 – EWF \$5.101 - Bench	BIDDER #6	BIDDER #7	BIDDER #8
AMOUNT OF BID:	\$185,670 – Equipment/Install	\$	\$	\$



AGENDA ITEM:	4. Receive an update and hold discussion related to the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan. (<i>Erica Flocke, Parks Director</i>)
SUBMITTED BY:	Erica Flocke
DATE SUBMITTED:	01/20/2026
MEETING DATE:	February 18, 2026

AGENDA FORM

ITEM DESCRIPTION/SUMMARY

This is a standing item and an opportunity to review the Master Plan that was adopted in 2024 and provide any feedback.

REQUESTED ACTION

FINANCIAL

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

ATTACHMENT/S

None