



**CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS
RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE ZOOM MEETING
August 19, 2021
MINUTES**

Thursday, August 19, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

River Advisory Committee Members present: David Davenport, Scott Roots, Sarah Shae, Shane Wolf, Heather Harrison.

City staff members present: Assistant City Manager, Kristi Aday; River Operations Manager, Amy Niles; Park Ranger Superintendent, Marika I. Misangyi; Police Lieutenant, Steve Hanna; Police Lieutenant, Joe Robles; and Management Assistant, Emily Wieland.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman **David Davenport** called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

2. CONSIDER AND APPROVE MINUTES FROM July 15, 2021 RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

The meeting minutes from July 15, 2021 River Advisory Committee Meeting were motioned by Mr. Roots and seconded by Ms. Harrison. The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATION

There was no citizens' communication

4. MONTHLY RIVER ACTIVITIES REPORT

Ms. Niles went through the Smartsheet dashboard with the board. She stated the outfitter sales were a higher percentage of the total guests than in the past, which makes sense due to the public parking limitations and increased number of new visitors to the river. Parking tickets have been higher than in the past and a lot are being written on weekdays.

5. UPDATE ON FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022 RIVER FUND BUDGET

Ms. Niles shared the budget that was presented to Council. There will not be a need for a general fund transfer, even though the budget did not come in as high as expected due to rain and other factors. Overall it has gone well.

The sign project was approved but will not be funded through the River Fund; it will be funded through the General Fund. In addition, Prince Solms parking lot will be resurfaced, and the project will be in conjunction with another parking lot. It too will be funded through the General Fund. A part-time employee was also approved by City Council for year-round help in the River Operations Division.

6. DISCUSS RECOMMENDATIONS AND IDEAS FOR THE 2022 RIVER SEASON

Ms. Niles suggested more education on the paid parking program and would like the committee to define what an outfitter is.

7. DISCUSS 2021 PUBLIC INPUT MEETING

Ms. Niles stated we are open to doing surveys and public meetings. The committee is open to sending out a survey.



8. DISCUSS REALIGNMENT OF RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER TERMS AND FUTURE RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING FORMAT

Ms. Niles shared the press release on the new format for committee appointments and dates. There will be a fall appointment for the River Advisory Committee Members. In addition, executive orders allowing Zoom meetings are rescinded and meetings must be in person beginning September 1st.

9. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- Ordinance Revision Discussion
- Survey Questions

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Approved on September 16, 2021 by:



David Davenport, Chair