



Minutes of
PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING, October 13, 2020

1. Call to Order at 4:02 PM on a ZOOM online meeting.

2. Roll Call

Committee Members present

Benno Engel, Chair

David Lerch

Nathan Manlove

H-B Moeller

Wayne Peters

Martha Rehler

Michel Schadt, Secretary

Helgard Suhr-Hollis

Stacy Thigpen

Judy Young

Others present

Rusty Brockman, Mayor

Andrew Lyons, Assistant City Secretary

Tony Gonzalez, City IT Manager

New members, including Mayor Brockman, were welcomed.

3. Presentations

There were no presentations.

4. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January 14, 2020 meeting were approved as read.

5. Communications

Citizens

Our friend, Gerhard Adam, Sekretär für Braunfels-New Braunfels, is hunkered down in Germany as we are. He has had a small amount of surgery, but will not make it to 175th Celebration.

6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

175th Anniversary Update

There was a meeting with the executive committee. Plans for the 175th celebration is moving on - with target date of March 20, 2021. We plan to go ahead with all planned activities: the parade in the morning, the gala in the evening and fireworks at 9:00 PM. Of course all of this is contingent on Covid-19 regulations at the time.

Mayor Brockman announced that on March 21st there is the plan to hold the community church service on plaza. He also spoke with Doug & Ann Miller, chairwoman of 175th Committee, who have been speaking with Wes Studdard, chairman of Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber is the

sponsor of 175th Celebration. The mayor reported that we have requested the Texas Army National Guard band join us in the celebration and it has been approved. The full band will come as planned now. Jeff Lightsey is the director of the band.

Tickets for gala purchased for this year will be good for 2021.

Nathan Manlove reported on the status of the Freundschaftsbaum (Friendship Tree) we have proposed to send to Germany. Our German friends are on board for this.

Background information: We have a tree here that was a gift from Braunfels. We have selected to give them a tree with a plaque. The Parks Department in Braunfels has agreed to work with us. We will buy them a tree that they choose from a source in Germany and possibly do the dedication remotely. It would be good to have it installed prior to our March activities.

The art work and text for the tree's plaque is done. It maybe advisable to have it made in Germany because of the cost of shipping it from here.

Braunfels has no plan for a celebration of their 775 year anniversary which will be in 2021. They will do one for their 800th.

7. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Freundschaftsbaum status
175th Celebration status

8. ADJOURNMENT at 16:30 PM.