



**CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS
RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**



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THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025 at 4:00 PM

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
 - A) Introduction of New River Advisory Committee Members [25-493](#)
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A) Approval of Meeting Minutes for October 8, 2024 for the Joint Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and River Advisory Committee meeting. [25-489](#)
 - B) Approval of Meeting Minutes for October 8, 2024 for the River Advisory Committee meeting. [25-488](#)
4. **CITIZENS' COMMUNICATIONS**

This time is for citizens to address the Committee on issues and items of concerns not on this agenda. There will be no Committee action at this time.
5. **STAFF REPORT**
 - A) Last Public Exit Project Update Presentation [25-490](#)
 - B) River Paid Parking Presentation [25-491](#)
 - C) 2025 River Season Preparation Presentation [25-492](#)
6. **ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**
7. **ADJOURNMENT**

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the above Notice of Meeting was posted on the bulletin board at the New Braunfels City Hall.

Board Liaison

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River Advisory Committee Agenda Item Report

550 Landa Street
New Braunfels, TX

4/17/2025

Agenda Item No. A)

PRESENTER:

Amy Niles, River and Watershed Manager

SUBJECT:

Introduction of New River Advisory Committee Members

4/17/2025

Agenda Item No. A)

PRESENTER:

Amy Niles, River and Watershed Manager

SUBJECT:

Approval of Meeting Minutes for October 8, 2024 for the Joint Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and River Advisory Committee meeting.

City of New Braunfels, Texas

550 LANDA STREET



Minutes

Tuesday, October 8, 2024

6:00 PM

**JOINT Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and River Advisory
Committee Meeting
City Hall - Council Chambers**

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Called to order at 6:01pm by Park Advisory Board Chair, Joe Turner

2. ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Joe Turner, Jason Vreeland, Amber Brown, Katie Rae Preston, Joyce Compton, Courtney Lyons-Garcia, Dick Hillyer, Sarah Shea, David Davenport, Shane Wolf, and Corinne Speare.

3. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATIONS

No citizens spoke at this time.

4. STAFF REPORT

A)

2024 End of River Season Summary Presentation

Joe Turner introduced the item. Amy Niles presented on the state of river operations from this past summer season.

Items to address for 2025: Signage for last Tubers exit closure, safety signage, replace damaged signs, continue education on disposable container ban, update to shuttle permit deadline to May 15th

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

A)

Discuss and Consider Recommendations for 2025 for Paid Parking at Fair Lane by River Acres Park.

Amy Niles introduced the item. Paid parking along Fair Lane for River Acres Park began in 2024 with weekends and holidays only. Compliance was high and revenue exceeded expectations. Staff recommendation is to expand paid parking fees to 7 days a week, May 1-Labor Day.

River Advisory Committee and Parks and Recreation Advisory Board unanimously recommend 7-day a week parking for Fair Lane, with free resident parking, and expanding the season to March 1- September 30

B)

Discuss and Consider Recommendations for 2025 for Paid Parking at Cypress Bend Park.

Amy Niles introduced the item. During the summer season, Cypress Bend Park is regularly patrolled by Park Rangers and NBPD and trash at the park is managed through the City's trash contractor, all of which are paid for through the River Fund. However, no revenue is generated from river recreation.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and River Activities Committee recommend \$20 paid parking in Cypress Bend, 7-days a week, with free resident parking with a valid river resident parking pass.

Pavilion rental will continue to have 4 reserved parking spaces, which will be free

RAC and PARB also recommend consideration for a season expansion of March 1- September 30

Recommendation from PARB was 5-1, while RAC was unanimous.

C)

Discuss and Consider Recommendations for Prioritizing Safety in the Faust Street Bridge Area.

Amy Niles introduced the item. The City of New Braunfels has right of way for a total of 50 feet under the Faust Street Bridge. River goes cross through ROW to access private and state owned areas. Litter in the area, police citations, vandalism and graffiti, and emergency response access has led to discussions.

City Staff, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and River Advisory Committee unanimously recommend to fence off the right of way access that is City owned underneath the Faust Street Bridge.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:16pm.

By: _____
CHAIR

Attest:

BOARD LIASON

4/17/2025

Agenda Item No. B)

PRESENTER:

Amy Niles, River and Watershed Manager

SUBJECT:

Approval of Meeting Minutes for October 8, 2024 for the River Advisory Committee meeting.

City of New Braunfels, Texas

550 Landa Street



Minutes

Tuesday, October 8, 2024

5:00 PM

City Hall- Council Chambers

River Advisory Committee

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

This meeting was called to order at 5:00 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL

River Advisory Committee Members: David Davenport, Dick Hillyer, Sarah Shea, Shane Wolf, and Corinne Speare

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A)

Approval of Meeting Minutes for September 19, 2024 for the River Advisory Committee meeting.

[RAC Minutes 9.19.2024](#)

Minutes from the September 19th meeting were approved unanimously.

4. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATIONS

This time is for citizens to address the Committee on issues and items of concerns not on this agenda. There will be no Committee action at this time.

There was no Citizens' Communication at this time.

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

A)

Discuss and Consider Recommendation to Increase River Fund Revenue from Non-Resident Users.

River and Watershed Manager, Amy Niles, presented to the committee an option to increase the River Management Fee (RMF) to \$3.00 as a way to increase the overall River Fund Revenue obtained from non-residents.

Committee member, Shane Wolf, stated that he had discussed this topic with half of the river outfitters and most would be agreeable to a \$3.00 RMF but some requested a \$1 rebate. Wolf explained that when a guest pays for the RMF with a credit card at their place of business they are required to pay a credit card fee. Niles responded that the City of New Braunfels does not charge river outfitters a credit card processing fee when submitting the fee to the City. An additional river outfitter reason for a \$1 rebate, was that they pay employees to

educate and enforce City ordinances. They feel that a rebate would be compensation for their administrative costs. River outfitter, Kris Bolstad, stated that he supports the rebate because they pay employees to help with education and enforcement. Chairmen David Davenport, expressed support for exploring a rebate option if the City's Legal Department would allow it. Committee member, Dick Hillyer, said 78% of river users come from river outfitters and it is their business responsibility to educate those users.

In lieu of raising the River Management Fee, many river outfitters stated that paid parking was a better revenue opportunity. Wolf recommended expanding the paid parking season to March 1st-September 30th and increasing paid parking at all locations. River Outfitter, Colie Reno, said he was more in favor of parking fee increases than a RMF increase. He expressed that raising the price of parking would elevate the clientele, improve behavior, and in turn there would be less litter left behind. City staff stated that parking only collects from users parking and going to the park while the RMF is for all nonresident river users. Staff also stated concerns with increasing the parking rates since residents pay to park at Prince Solms Park. Assistant City Manager, Jared Werner, explained that increasing paid parking is not the city's recommendation. They would like to limit the number of changes and would like to collect more data before considering making it free for residents to park in Prince Solms Park. It was suggested to wait another river season and discuss again with more information.

A motion was made to increase parking fees, increase the River Management Fee, and create a report for a river outfitter rebate idea due to collection costs. Chairman David Davenport, made the first motion to approve and committee member Dick Hillyer seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

7. ADJOURNMENT

This regular meeting adjourned at 5:19 P.M.

By: _____
DAVID DAVENPORT, CHAIR

4/17/2025

Agenda Item No. A)

PRESENTER:

Amy Niles, River and Watershed Manager

SUBJECT:

Last Public Exit Project Update Presentation

DISCUSSION:

The Last Public Exit is currently under construction to allow for a safer and easier exit for river users and City staff. City Staff will provide an update on the project and potential contingency plans if the project extends past the current schedule.

RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

4/17/2025

Agenda Item No. B)

PRESENTER:

Amy Niles, River and Watershed Manager

SUBJECT:

River Paid Parking Presentation

DISCUSSION:

The City of New Braunfels has contracted with Interstate Parking to manage the City's paid parking program and resident river parking pass. A representative from Interstate Parking will give a presentation on ParkNBTX and the status of the digital resident river parking pass.

RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

4/17/2025

Agenda Item No. C)

PRESENTER:

Amy Niles, River and Watershed Manager

SUBJECT:

2025 River Season Preparation Presentation

DISCUSSION:

City staff will present projects and updates about what is being done to prepare for the 2025 river season.

RECOMMENDATION:

N/A