



**CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS
NEW BRAUNFELS PARTNERSHIP
COMMITTEE MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
550 LANDA STREET**



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023 at 4:00 PM

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) Approval of the Minutes for the July 11, 2023, meeting.

[23-911](#)

Benno Engel, Board Chair

4. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATIONS

This time is for citizens to address the Partnership Committee on issues and items of concerns not on this agenda.

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

A) Discuss and consider recommendations for amending [23-1315](#)
the New Braunfels Partnership Committee's Ordinance.

Benno Engel, Board Chair

B) Discuss and consider changing the date and time of the [23-914](#)
New Braunfels Partnership Committee's quarterly
meetings.

Benno Engel, Board Chair

C) Discuss and consider restarting the Exchange Student [23-915](#)
program with Germany.

Benno Engel, Board Chair

D) Discuss and consider having an Art Exchange with [23-912](#)
Braunfels, Germany.

Benno Engel, Board Chair

E) Discussion and possible action reference Wurstfest. [23-919](#)

Benno Engel, Board Chair

F) Discussion and possible action reference [23-920](#)
Communications with Germany.

Benno Engel, Board Chair

6. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

No action may be taken at this time.

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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New Braunfels Partnership Committee Agenda Item Report

550 Landa Street
New Braunfels, TX

10/10/2023

Agenda Item No. A)

PRESENTER:

Benno Engel, Board Chair

SUBJECT:

Approval of the Minutes for the July 11, 2023, meeting.

MINUTES OF THE NEW BRAUNFELS PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING OF TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2023

1. Call to Order

Benno called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call

A. Gayle Wilkinson called the names of the members present.

a. Tate Korpi, Fernando Yarrito, Kelly Jackson, Francisco Dionisio, Mary Irwin, Benno Engel, Helgard Suhr-Hollis

Three additional members were present, but their names weren't noted.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of minutes for the January 10th, 2023, meeting

Fernando Yarrito approved the minutes. Helgard Suhr-Hollis seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

4. Citizen's Communications

A. No citizens communications

5. Discussion and Action

A. Nathan Brown was introduced as an attorney for the city of New Braunfels

B. Discussion for reducing the number of members on the Partnership Committee

a. The committee weighed the pros and cons of reducing the number of members on the committee to help reduce the chances of canceled meetings by not meeting the quota. The committee proposed reducing the number of members from 15 to 11 this quorum would be 6. This needs to go to City Council

b. Fernando Yarrito moved to reduce the number of members from 15 to 11. Helgard Suhr-Hollis seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

c. Gayle Wilkinson will email members for volunteers to vacate their seats after the city council approves.

C. Discussion for amending the ordinance on unexcused absences

a. Wayne Peters motioned to have Nathan Brown come up with an amendment to the existing ordinance that if a member has 2 consecutive unexcused absences, they would be removed from the committee. Tate Korpi seconded the proposal which passed unanimously.

D. Friendship Tree

a. The tree in Braunfels, Germany is continuing to do well

E. Wurstfest

a. Mary Irwin notified the committee that the German-American Society would be hosting members in their homes from German bands.

b. The German Band MBK and Hiata Madeln from the Munich area are coming to perform at Wurstfest

F. Communications with Germany

- a. Benno's last communication with Germany mentioned the weather was 36 degrees Celsius on July 6, 2023
- b. Hans Bernhard Moeller shared that the temperature is around 38.5 degrees Celsius in the rural area
- c. Helgard had communication that all is well in Braunfels
- d. Mary Irwin communicated with Wolfgang Keller regarding Comal Community band going to Braunfels next summer and asked if they could arrange a place to practice, suggestions on restaurants on Sunday, and see if Gerhard would host a tour through the castle

6. Items for Next Agenda

- A. The next meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2023
 - a. The Friendship tree can be removed from the agenda
 - b. Change day and time for our meetings, possibly on Mondays
 - c. Mural of local artists from New Braunfels to display in Braunfels
 - d. Rebuilding an Exchange program between Braunfels and New Braunfels

7. Adjournment

Helgard Suhr-Hollis moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:59p.m. The meeting was adjourned.

Board Chair

10/10/2023

Agenda Item No. A)

PRESENTER:

Benno Engel, Board Chair

SUBJECT:

Discuss and consider recommendations for amending the New Braunfels Partnership Committee's Ordinance.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Partnership Committee discussed at their last meeting the possibility of amending their ordinance concerning unexcused absences and other changes that might be considered by the committee.

Mayor Linnartz was approached about the possibility of the Partnership Committee adopting **Lāhainā as a sister city**.



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Agenda Item No. B)

PRESENTER:

Benno Engel, Board Chair

SUBJECT:

Discuss and consider changing the date and time of the New Braunfels Partnership Committee's quarterly meetings.



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Agenda Item No. C)

PRESENTER:

Benno Engel, Board Chair

SUBJECT:

Discuss and consider restarting the Exchange Student program with Germany.



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Agenda Item No. D)

PRESENTER:

Benno Engel, Board Chair

SUBJECT:

Discuss and consider having an Art Exchange with Braunfels, Germany.



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Agenda Item No. E)

PRESENTER:

Benno Engel, Board Chair

SUBJECT:

Discussion and possible action reference Wurstfest.



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Agenda Item No. F)

PRESENTER:

Benno Engel, Board Chair

SUBJECT:

Discussion and possible action reference Communications with Germany.