

**DRAFT - MINUTES  
OF THE NEW BRAUNFELS RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING OF TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023**

**JOINT MEETING WITH PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

**AGENDA**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by River Advisory Committee Chair, David Davenport, at 6:00 PM on May 9, 2023.

**2. ROLL CALL**

River Advisory Committee Members present: David Davenport, Darren Hill, Sarah Shea, Scott Roots, Keith Fontenot, and Shane Wolf.

City staff members present: River and Watershed Manager, Amy Niles; Watershed Supervisor, Phillip Quast; River Operations Specialist, Katie Johnson; Patrol Lieutenant, Steve Hanna; Parks and Recreation Assistant Director, Chad Donegan; Park Ranger Superintendent, Marika Misangyi; Park Ranger Assistant Superintendent, Meaghan McDonald; Capital Project Manager, Adam Michie; Assistant Transportation and Capital Improvements Director, Scott McClelland.

**3. 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.*

Robert Martin, has been a citizen of New Braunfels, TX for about five years. Martin addressed the committee members about an observed situation he views as a problem taking place in Landa Park and on the Comal River. He's concerned about citizens using live bait, such as goldfish and minnows, to catch bass, and not releasing them back into the river. A committee member asked if Martin had reached out to the game wardens, and he replied that they have not done anything concerning this specific situation. In conclusion, Martin expressed that he wants to see more protection of the waters, and voiced that he would be willing to donate to the cause and get a petition signed by fellow citizens.

**4. STAFF REPORT**

A) Presentation of 2023 River Season Preparations

River and Watershed Manager, Amy Niles, presented the 2023 River Season Preparations. The presentation discussed the highs and lows of the 2022 river season and noted what summer months the river had the most visitors. Focusing on the 2023 river season, Niles addressed the rising amount of litter on the banks of the river and discussed that with the current drought, the river flow this year has been slow, which means parking lots will have slower turn over rates. In addition, Niles announced that all five paid parking lots will be in operation this season. In conclusion, it was noted that the River Management and Watershed Departments were merged and now under Public Works. Watershed Supervisor, Phillip Quast, and new River Operations Specialist, Katie Johnson, were introduced to the members.

5. ADJOURNMENT

This regular meeting adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

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DAVID DAVENPORT, CHAIR