

**DRAFT - MINUTES
OF THE NEW BRAUNFELS NEW BRAUNFELS PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2025**

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Benno called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Tate Korpi, Nathan Manlove, Kelly Jackson, Mary Irwin, Benno Engel, Helgard Suhr-Hollis, Corinne Marie Vela-Speare, Wane Peters, and Mayor Neal Linnartz

Absent: Hans-Bernhard Moeller, Ferrando Yarrito, and Danielle Rae Schmidt

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) Approval of the minutes for the October 9th, 2024, meeting.

Benno Engel read the aforementioned item.

Wayne Peters moved to approve the October 9, 2024 minutes. Nathan Manlove seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

4. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATIONS

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

No citizen's communications at this time.

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

A) Discuss and consider the appointment of a Chair for 2025.

Benno Engel read the aforementioned item.

Wayne Peters moved to nominate Nathan Manlove for the chair. Helgard Suhr-Hollis seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

B) Discuss and consider the appointment of a Vice Chair for 2025.

Benno Engel read the aforementioned item.

Nathan Manlove move to nominate Mary Irwin for Vice Chair. Wayne

Peters seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

C) Discuss and consider the appointment of a Secretary for 2025.

Benno Engel read the aforementioned item.

Nathan Manlove nominated Tate Korpi for Secretary. Mary Irwin seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

D) Discuss and possible action reference communication and future trips for Braunfels residents to Germany.

Benno Engel read the aforementioned item.

Discussion of possible future trips to Braunfels; however, no one from the committee is going to Braunfels in the near future.

No action taken at this time.

E) Discuss and possible action on a mural exchange.

Benno Engel read the aforementioned item.

Tate Korpi updated the committee on the possible mural swap between Braunfels and New Braunfels. He is still working to find a location in New Braunfels for the mural. There was discussion on the funding of this endeavor. There was also a discussion on the possibility of doing art on signal boxes.

No action taken at this time.

F) Discuss and consider exploring a welcome reception for visitors from Germany.

Benno Engel read the aforementioned item.

1) Many items were discussed including lodging, dates, activities for the visitors, and funding. It was decided that a special meeting would need to take place to discuss the welcome reception.

Tate Korpi moved to have an additional special meeting March 5, 2025 at 4:00 at City Hall. Nathan Manlove seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

6. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

No action may be taken at this time.

A meeting was established for March 5, 2025 to discuss a welcome reception for the 100th year celebration of the Partnership Committee with Braunfels, Germany.

The Mural Exchange will be on the April 9, 2025 regular meeting.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Benno Engel adjourned the meeting at 4:56 p.m.