

**FINAL - MINUTES  
OF THE NEW BRAUNFELS NEW BRAUNFELS PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2025**

**AGENDA**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Manlove called the meeting to order at 4:14 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Fernando Yarrito, Kelly Jackson, Nathan Manlove, Wayne Peters, Mary Irwin, Hans-Bernhard Moeller, Benno Engel, and Tate Korpi

**Absent:** Helgard Suhr-Hollis, Dani Crippen, and Corrine Velloa-Speare

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A) Approval of the minutes of the April 9, 2025 Partnership meeting.

Chair Manlove read the aforementioned caption and asked for a motion and second.

Wayne Peters moved to accept the minutes. Corrine Vela-Speare 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 citizens spoke at this time.**

**5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

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

Chair Manlove read the aforementioned item.

Former Mayor Brockman spoke about a recent visit to Germany, including an update on the Friendship Tree. Mayor Brockman spoke to the Burgermeister/Mayor of Braunfels, Germany and said the residents there are enthusiastic about Texas and strengthening our partnership. The Mayor of Braunfels also indicated he would be our primary point of contact for any future communications and new

projects/initiatives launched by our committee. Members of the Partnership Committee were enthusiastic about the establishment of reliable communications and eager to explore new initiatives and opportunities for projects.

B) Discuss and possible action on a mural exchange.

**Chair Manlove read the aforementioned item.**

Germany was receptive to the idea of an art/mural exchange. The committee mentioned contracting the art league. Mayor Neal Linnartz mentioned a few opportunities for downtown murals as well as the traffic signal box art program. Tate Korpi will contact stakeholders to begin the project.

C) Discuss and possible action on future projects and possible funding opportunities for a committee budget.

**Chair Manlove read the aforementioned item.**

The Committee discussed if there was an opportunity to do some sort of program/exchange between the Sophienburg and any museums or historical societies in Braunfels, Germany. Options were discussed by the committee and Chair Manlove and Fernando Yarrito agreed to contact stakeholders at the Sophienburg to begin the project.

D) Discuss and possible action to explore other sister cities.

**Chair Manlove read the aforementioned item.**

**The item was deferred to the next meeting for further discussion.**

## **6. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

*No action may be taken at this time.*

Chair Manlove stated items for the next agenda should include some of the existing items B - D as well as an additional item to discuss moving the jurisdiction of this committee to a nonprofit entity such as the Sophienburg or the Wursfest Association.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Manlove adjourned the meeting at 4:56 p.m.

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Board Chair

ATTEST:

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Gayle Wilkinson, City Secretary