

CEMETERY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, October 23, 2025 @ 4:00 pm, Landa Haus

1. CALL TO ORDER:

4:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

X	Lynn Thompson (Chair)	X	Cynthia Foster		Samantha Morrison (Park Staff)
X	Dana Watson (Vice Chair)	X	Jillian Bliss		Gene Bagwell (Cemetery Manager)
	Kyle Coker		Chad Donegan (Park Staff)	X	Hunter Haberly (Cemetery Sexton)
X	Connie Krause	X	Shari Silvio (Park Staff)		
X	Jan Kingsbury		Jeff Bransford (Park Staff)		

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of special meeting minutes from September 29, 2025

4. CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS

Felicia and Donald Owens attended to introduce themselves to the committee and would like to be more involved in events going forward.

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

a. Reprint Cookbook

Cookbook sales have been going well. Sixteen books were sold at the Soul Searching event, and four additional copies have been sold in the office as of today. Lynn picked up twenty books to take to the Sophienburg and the Conservation Society. The cookbooks will also be available for purchase at Park Administration and Das Rec. Jan discussed the possibility of selling them at markets within New Braunfels. Shari will coordinate with the City Communications Department to share cookbook information on social media. Lynn will be donating a copy to the WCC, and the committee would like to arrange a photo opportunity for the occasion.

b. 2025 Soul Searching

The event was a tremendous success, with surveys showing a 97% rate of perfect scores across the board. The committee reviewed and discussed the feedback received from participants. Moving forward, the Parks Department will coordinate with Public Works and the NBFD to have the parking area wet down with a water truck prior to future events. Plans are underway to create a social media post aimed at recruiting volunteers for the upcoming Soul Searching event. At the event check-in tent, there will be a separate sheet available for attendees interested in volunteering at future events. The committee also discussed the idea of designing a postcard for potential volunteers to fill out and return during

the event. Jan prepared thank-you notes and included photos for the golf cart sponsors, and the committee considered establishing a policy to provide two seats to any donor who sponsors a golf cart in the future. Additionally, the committee will look into sending out the sponsorship form created by Park Administration to potential donors for future years. A QR code will also be made available to encourage volunteering and provide more information about the committee and its events. Shari will add the list of actors to the SignUpGenius page for those interested in performing in future shows. Lastly, the committee plans to draft a short script for engaging attendees at the end of the event to encourage sponsorships and volunteer participation in future activities.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- A. Cookbook sales
- B. Field of Graves
- C. National Register Nomination
- D. Soul Searching

6. ADJOURNMENT

5:03 pm