

**FINAL - MINUTES
OF THE NEW BRAUNFELS TRANSPORTATION & TRAFFIC ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING OF THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024**

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kirkham called the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Arthur Brinkkoeter, Michael Dietert, Ernesto Rodriguez, Gary Kirkham, Garrett Mechler, Kenneth Dalfonso

The following members were absent: Michael Yoder

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Michael Dietert made a motion to accept the March 14, 2024, minutes as written. Ernesto Rodriguez seconded the motion. All in favor.

- A) Approval of the minutes of the March 14th, 2024
Transportation and Traffic Advisory Board meeting.

4. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATIONS

This time is for citizens to address the Transportation and Traffic Advisory Board on issues and items of concerns not on this agenda. There will be no Transportation and Traffic Advisory Board action at this time.

None.

5. INDIVIDUAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- A) Discuss and consider a recommendation to City Council to approve the W. San Antonio Street roadway reallocation project.

Garry Ford explained the recommendations of W. San Antonio St. roadway reallocation project from Main Plaza to Walnut Ave. This proposed roadway allocation would address priorities of safety, access, mobility, parking, economy, and the environment. He mentioned that it would define limits and goals of driving, walking, access, parking, aesthetics, etc. After going over these items, he showed possible angled parking, either forward or reverse, and number of lanes and the left turn lanes. He also explained why less lanes would improve vehicle safety. He also explained pedestrian safety and improvement of intersections and crosswalks. Garry then

explained the option 1, angle parking on north side and parallel parking on south side with three lanes from Main Plaza to Ferguson. Then Garry explained option 2, that would be three lanes with parallel parking and buffer space on north and south sides. We discussed the difference of angle parking and parallel parking, which angle front end or reverse would add 29 more parking space spots while option 2 would only add 10 spots. Garrett asked about the traffic count around the plaza. He also mentioned that TxDOT would want to change the plaza to one lane. Dietrich and Gary Kirkham also asked about the studies too. Dalfonso said we need to look into other cities that have angle parking and how it works in their streets. Ford mentioned that striping and curbing extensions and also light timing was being studied and how it will work. Staff is also looking at how E. San Antonio St. is working and to do that on W. San Antonio St. Dietert made motion to go with option number 1, angle parking, either direction to maximize parking, Art second. Art, Ken, Mike, and Gary voted Yes; Ernesto and Garrett voted no, motion passed.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

By: _____
GARY KIRKHAM, CHAIR

Attest:

CARLY FARMER, BOARD LIAISON