



**CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS
HERITAGE COMMISSION MEETING**



**CITY HALL - TEJAS ROOM
550 LANDA STREET**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2026 at 3:00 PM

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) Approval of the December 10, 2025 heritage [26-971](#) commission meeting minutes.

4. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATIONS

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

5. INDIVIDUAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A) Discuss and consider the approval of a possible update [26-972](#) to the Arts & Heritage Grant Guidelines.

B) Deliberate the 2027 Heritage HOT Grant process. [26-973](#)

6. STAFF REPORT

A) Staff update on the 2026 applicant quarterly reports. [26-975](#)

7. ADJOURNMENT

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the above Notice of Meeting was posted on the bulletin board at the New Braunfels City Hall.

Board Liaison

NOTE: Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aids or services such as interpreters for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, readers, or large print, are requested to contact the City Secretary's Office at (830) 221-4010 at least two (2) work days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.



Heritage Commission Agenda Item Report

550 Landa Street
New Braunfels, TX

8/13/2026

Agenda Item No. A)

PRESENTER:

Natalie Baker, Deputy City Secretary

SUBJECT:

Approval of the December 10, 2025 heritage commission meeting minutes.

**DRAFT - MINUTES
OF THE NEW BRAUNFELS HERITAGE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2025**

Re-Allocation Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Pam Brandt called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Commissioner Pam Brandt, Commissioner Rykley Crowe, Commissioner Mariella Giordano, Commissioner Tammy Walden, and Commissioner Christopher Willis were present.

Commissioner Veronica Castillo and Commissioner Kristi Simmons were absent.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) Discuss and consider the approval of the November 20, 2025 meeting minutes.

Commissioner Pam Brandt read the aforementioned item.

Commissioner Christopher Willis motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Rykley Crowe seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

4. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATIONS

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

No individuals spoke at this time.

5. INDIVIDUAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A) Discuss and consider action regarding allocations of hotel occupancy tax collected in 2025 to Heritage organization applicants for the 2026 award period.

Commissioner Pam Brandt read the aforementioned item.

Natalie Baker presented this item to the commissioners which included the five heritage applicants and the scoring matrix. Commissioner Tammy Walden requested staff to provide photographs

of projects throughout the year if they are provided by the applicants to better oversee project completion. The commissioners deliberated further. A total of \$351,537 in funds were distributed to the applicants (please see amounts awarded below).

New Braunfels Conservation Society - \$66,802

Heritage Society of New Braunfels - \$81,672

New Braunfels Historic Railroad & Modelers Society - \$56,384

Sophienburg Archives & Museum - \$94,857

Wurstfest Association - \$51,821

Commissioner Tammy Walden motioned to approve the item. Commissioner Christopher Willis seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Pam Brandt adjourned the meeting at 5:09 p.m.

By: _____
CHAIR

Attest:

NATALIE BAKER, DEPUTY CITY SECRETARY

8/13/2026

Agenda Item No. A)

PRESENTER:

Natalie Baker, Deputy City Secretary

SUBJECT:

Discuss and consider the approval of a possible update to the Arts & Heritage Grant Guidelines.



Heritage Commission Agenda Item Report

550 Landa Street
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Agenda Item No. B)

PRESENTER:

Natalie Baker, Deputy City Secretary

SUBJECT:

Deliberate the 2027 Heritage HOT Grant process.



Heritage Commission Agenda Item Report

550 Landa Street
New Braunfels, TX

8/13/2026

Agenda Item No. A)

PRESENTER:

Natalie Baker, Deputy City Secretary

SUBJECT:

Staff update on the 2026 applicant quarterly reports.