

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

**AGENDA**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Chair - Nathan Manlove called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**The following members were present: Mary Irwin, Benno Engel, Daniele Rae Schmidt (Crippen), Wayne Peters, Helgard Suhr-Hollis, Nathan Manlove, Hans-Bernhard Moeller, and Tate Korpi**

**Absent: Corinne Marie Vela-Speare, Fernando Yarrito, and Kelly Jackson**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A) Approval of the minutes of the January 8, 2025 Partnership meeting.**

**Chair - Nathan Manlove read the aforementioned item.**

**Wayne Peters moved to approve the minutes. Benno Engels 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 present at this meeting.**

**5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

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

**Chair - Nathan Manlove read the aforementioned item.**

**There were no trips planned at this time.**

**B) Discuss and consider possible action on a mural exchange.**

**Chair - Nathan Manlove read the aforementioned item.**

**The mural exchange was paused until communication is established**

with Germany. Regarding the art exchange, Mary Irwin said she did not understand our plan. Tate Korpi explained a concept but expressed hesitancy to move forward with planning until we hear back from anyone in Germany confirming their participation. Other committee members ( Engel, Irwin, and Manlove ) discussed logistical challenges and alternative options.

- C) Discuss and possible action on providing a welcome reception for the 100th year celebration of the Partnership Committee with Braunfels, Germany.

Chair - Nathan Manlove read the aforementioned item.

100 Year celebration: Nathan Manlove and Mary Irwin made contact with someone named Micheal in Braunfels, Germany. He said that nobody from Braunfels was interested in coming to New Braunfels this year. They said "maybe next year." Danielle Crippen asked if there was a specific calendar date that our sister city partnership was signed. Helgard Suhr-Hollis said the official sister city international agreement was not signed until 2010, but the relationship has existed for 100+ years. Mary Irwin mentioned that Braunfels (DE) is having a 50th anniversary sister city celebration with another European community from August 21-25 and has invited representatives from New Braunfels to join. Mary Irwin detailed the communications from Germany and what that will look like. Helgard Suhr-Hollis mentioned that she might go to Germany and will attend on our behalf.

## 6. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

*No action may be taken at this time.*

Chair - Nathan Manlove introduced the aforementioned item.

The following items were suggested for the next agenda:

- A. Add items A and B back on the next agenda.
- B. Nathan Manlove suggested adding an item discussing future projects and possible funding opportunities for a committee budget.
- C. Explore other sister cities.

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair - Nathan Manlove adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

BY:

CHAIR

ATTEST:

BOARD LIAISON