

CEMETERY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, August 28, 2025 @ 4:00 pm, Landa Haus

1. CALL TO ORDER:

4:00 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)
X	Kyle Coker	X	Chad Donegan (Park Staff)	X	Hunter Haberly (Cemetery Sexton)
X	Connie Krause	X	Shari Silvio (Park Staff)	X	Katie Totman (Historic Preservation Officer)
X	Jan Kingsbury		Jeff Bransford (Park Staff)		

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of regular meeting minutes from July 24, 2025
 - Updated spelling of the name “Cherice”

4. CITIZEN’S COMMUNICATIONS

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

a. National Register Nomination of the New Braunfels Cemetery

Katie addressed the group – She will go over the application and send to the Parks Dept to send out to the committee.

b. Field of Graves

No updates currently. We will resume discussions in October.

c. Reprint Cookbook

Shari obtained a reprint quote from Sundance Printing, which handled the original printing. The cost for 500 copies is \$10,000.01, and for 1,000 copies, the cost is \$20,001.50. The Parks Department is recommending a smaller print run of 250 copies to reduce overall costs. The group would sell the cookbooks at \$38/book. The group voted unanimously to approve the purchase of 250 copies – 3rd edition.

d. 2025 Soul Searching

All golf cart sponsorships have been secured and paid for. The artwork for the cart banners has been dropped off at FastSigns to be made. Lynn has been working directly with Sarah in Communications with the City to finalize the program for Soul Searching. The group finalized actors with the need to still locate 2 actors for the Farmer and Louis Meyer. The group is working on scripts for the actors. Jan was able to show several prop items she was able to borrow including cotton sacks and quilts. The group continued to discuss additional props to use for the event – reaching out to Circle Arts Theatre for costumes. Run through will be Sept 30th at Comal Cemetery 6pm to 7pm – food will be provided.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- A. 2025 Soul Searching recap
- B. Cookbook

6. ADJOURNMENT

5:10 pm