

MINUTES OF THE NEW BRAUNFELS PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING OF TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023

1. Call to Order

Benno Engel called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

2. Roll Call

- A. Members present: Tate Korpi, Hans-Bernhard Moeller, Fernando Yarriot, Kelly Jackson, Nathan Manlove, Mary Irwin, Benno Engel, Wayne Peters, Helgard Suhr-Hollis

3. Approval of Minutes

- A. Approval of minutes for the July 11th, 2023 meeting
- a. Wayne Peters moved to approve the minutes. Nathan Manlove seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- B. Benno Engel welcomed Neal Linnartz to the meeting
- C. Discussion about amending the Partnership Committee's Ordinance from 15 to 11 members & members are not permitted to miss more than 2 meetings in a year
- a. Gayle Wilkinson shared with City Council to let Council know this would be coming to them for approval.
  - b. It was suggested to have Nathan Brown redline the current document and brought to our next meeting for approval along with the bylaws.
  - c. Wayne Peters moved to table this till January 2024 meeting. Helgard Suhr-Hollis seconded.
- D. Wayne Peters motioned to strike bylaw 4.7 limiting members to only serve three terms. The motion passed unanimously
- E. Discussed ordinance 2.1 and becoming Sister Cities with other U.S. cities to support fundraising for tragedies. The ordinance does not allow this.
- F. Discussion of Date & Time of Meeting
- a. Tate Korpi motioned to move our meetings to the second Wednesday at 4:00. Mary Irwin seconded. The motion passed with 1 opposition by Fernando Yarrito.
- G. Discussion of the Exchange Program with Braunfels, Germany
- a. Benno gave a brief overview of the previous exchange program
  - b. Discussed time frame, number of students
  - c. Goal to start by 2025
  - d. Fernando Yarrito raised the idea of sending young professionals instead of students
  - e. Helgard suggested reaching out to Wolfgang Keller prior to creating these plans. Benno will email.
- H. Art Exchange with Braunfels, Germany
- a. This will be added to the email to Wolfgang to see how we could incorporate this into the exchange program

- I. Wurstfest
  - a. Starts November 3rd, several bands are coming from Germany
  - b. Mary Irwin shared ways they will be hosting members from the German band
  - c. Kelly Jackson asked about waste at Wurstfest and what could be done to reduce the amount
- J. Communications with Germany
  - a. David Hartman is visiting Braunfels

4. Citizen's Communications

- A. No citizens communications

5. Discussion and Action

- A. None to add

6. Items for Next Agenda

- A. The next meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2024
  - a. Redline of the ordinance and bylaws.
  - b. Follow up on Exchange Program with Braunfels, Germany

7. Adjournment

Benno Engel moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm. The meeting was adjourned.

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Board Chair