



CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS
CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEETING



LANDA HAUS
360 AQUATIC CIR.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2026 at 4:00 PM

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) Discuss and consider approval of March 26, 2026, [26-429](#)
minutes of the Cemetery Committee

4. CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS

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

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

- A) National Register Nomination [26-431](#)
- B) Cemetery Software [25-666](#)
- C) Field of Graves [26-430](#)
- D) Cookbooks [26-432](#)
- E) 2026 Soul Searching [26-433](#)

6. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

No action may be taken.

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.



Cemetery Committee Agenda Item Report

550 Landa Street
New Braunfels, TX

4/23/2026

Agenda Item No. A)

PRESENTER:

Chad Donegan, Parks Assist Director

SUBJECT:

Discuss and consider approval of March 26, 2026, minutes of the Cemetery Committee

DISCUSSION:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

CEMETERY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, March 26, 2026 @ 4:00 pm, Landa Haus

1. CALL TO ORDER:

4:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

X	Lynn Thompson (Chair)	X	Cynthia Foster		Gene Bagwell (Cemetery Manager)
X	Dana Watson (Vice Chair)	X	Jillian Bliss	X	Hunter Haberly (Cemetery Sexton)
X	Kyle Coker	X	Chad Donegan (Park Staff)	X	Brenadette Faust (CONB)
X	Connie Krause	X	Shari Silvio (Park Staff)	X	Katie Totman (CONB)
	Jan Kingsbury	X	Jeff Bransford (Park Staff)	X	Intern (CONB)

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the February 26, 2026 minutes – with the correction of Lois Schmick spelling

4. CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS

Lois Schmick attended to gain more information on the Cemetery Committee. She was interested in seeing how the Field of Graves project is moving forward.

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

a. Field of Graves

During the project update presented by Bernadette Faust, the committee discussed the memorial's design and the upcoming requirements for signage. While reviewing the aesthetic details, members raised concerns regarding the use of natural shells; in response, TCS will explore the use of concrete molds to replicate the seashell textures more durably. The group also committed to collaborating on the specific text for the project's signage. Following the discussion, Dana motioned to move forward with the final design, which was seconded by Cynthia and passed via a unanimous vote. Bernadette will continue to manage the project's progress and provide the committee with ongoing updates.

b. National Register Nomination

Katie Totman addressed the committee regarding the current nomination, requesting that members review the draft in its current form. She asked the group to provide their feedback directly to her so she can consolidate the input for submission to Cherise.

c. Cookbooks

Shari Silvio with Parks and Recreation presented the cookbook financials.

d. Soul Searching

The Sign-Up Genius has been distributed for actor and tour guide positions. Lynn reported that she has been in contact with several potential volunteers for acting roles. As the event draws closer, the group will begin developing the specific "souls" and their corresponding scripts. The committee also discussed the halftime programming, suggesting a science show; Lynn will reach out to Michelle Lord to draft a performance piece for Marshall Lord to present.

6. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- A. Field of Graves
- B. National Register Nomination
- C. Chronicle
- D. Cookbook
- E. Soul Searching 2026

7. ADJOURNMENT

5:00 p.m.



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Agenda Item No. A)

PRESENTER:

Katie Totman, Historic Preservation Officer

SUBJECT:

National Register Nomination



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Agenda Item No. B)

PRESENTER:

Natalie Baker, Assistant City Secretary

SUBJECT:

Cemetery Software



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Agenda Item No. C)

PRESENTER:

Brenadette Faust, Capital Projects Manager

SUBJECT:

Field of Graves



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Agenda Item No. D)

PRESENTER:

Chad Donegan, Assistant Director

SUBJECT:

Cookbooks



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Agenda Item No. E)

PRESENTER:

Chad Donegan, Assistant Director

SUBJECT:

2026 Soul Searching