



**CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING
CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
550 LANDA STREET**



TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025 at 6:00 PM

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A) Discuss and consider approval of the May 13, 2025 [25-825](#)
Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.
4. **RECOGNITIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**
 - A) July Recognitions and Announcements [25-826](#)
5. **CITIZENS' COMMUNICATIONS**

This time is for citizens to address the Park and Recreation Advisory Board on issues and items of concerns not on this agenda. There will be no Board action at this time.
6. **PRESENTATIONS**
 - A) Park Projects Update [25-827](#)
 - B) System Wide Master Plan Update [25-853](#)
7. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION**
 - A) August Meeting Date [25-852](#)
8. **AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**
9. **ADJOURNMENT**

CERTIFICATION

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

Board Liaison

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Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Agenda Item Report

550 Landa Street
New Braunfels, TX

7/8/2025

Agenda Item No. A)

PRESENTER:

Chad Donegan, Director

SUBJECT:

Discuss and consider approval of the May 13, 2025 Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

DISCUSSION:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

**DRAFT - MINUTES
OF THE NEW BRAUNFELS PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING OF TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025**

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Jason Vreeland called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Board members present: Jason Vreeland, Katie Rae Preston, Joyce Compton, Courtney Lyons-Garcia, Eric Reed, Destin Singleton.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) Discuss and consider approval of the April 8, 2025 Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Jason Vreeland introduced the item. Joyce Compton made a motion to approve the minutes, Destin Singleton seconded.

4. RECOGNITIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

A) May Recognitions and Announcements

Jason Vreeland introduced the item. Chad Donegan spoke on two staff members, Sami Morrison and Erin Bryant, receiving their CPRP certifications. The Landa Park Golf Course received a new fleet of 64 EZGo golf carts. The Parks Foundation raised \$11,257.29 from the 4th Annual Golf FORE Parks Tournament.

Upcoming Events:

- Live@Landa - May 15th
- Fischer Park 10 Year Celebration - May 17th
- Camp Minnehaha and Nature Camp begin - May 27th
- Market Plaza Historic Subject Marker Dedication - May 28th 9am

5. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATIONS

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

Jason Vreeland introduced the item.

No citizens spoke at this time.

6. PRESENTATIONS

A) River Season Report

Jason Vreeland introduced the item. Amy Niles gave a recap of the 2024 river season and reviewed the expectations for the upcoming season.

Parking updates: Cypress Bend Park added to paid river parking lots. Just over 5,000 resident passes issued so far.

Last Public Exit scheduled to be open at the end of next week.

Faust Street Bridge Right-of-Way Fence installed

Updated river signage.

B) Update on the Dry Comal Creek Trail Segments 2 & 3 Feasibility Study

Jason Vreeland introduced the item. Josh Niles presented information on the Dry Comal Creek Trail Segments 2 & 3 Feasibility Study.

2.44 miles of trail. Segment 1 funded through a bond, construction about to begin.

Segments 2 & 3 preliminary budget \$8,577,000

Next Steps: Securing ROW funding

C) Park Development Update

Jason Vreeland introduced the item. Jeff Bransford presented an update on the current projects within the department.

-Alligator Creek Trail West: 1.1 mile loop, entire segment is poured, clean up started, grand opening will be scheduled.

-Northwest Park Master Plan: In progress, moving into public engagement phase.

-System Wide Master Plan: Phase 5, Plan Development

-Field of Graves Memorial: Landscape architecture firm to do a design in with new constraints. Design expected in late 2025.

-Willard Canyon: Trail construction company hired to complete the 1 mile loop.

-Mission Hill Park (Phase 2): Site clearing has been completed, grading and fill is underway, utility work will begin next week. Expected completion Spring 2026

-Zipp: grassing expected to start July 2025. First substantial

completion for Spawglass received at the end of April. On schedule to start programming in Spring 2026. 600 parking spaces.

-LPAC: concrete work expected to be completed by end of the week, filling pool by the weekend.

-Last Tubers Exit: coffer dam removal in progress, signage will be installed next week. Scheduled to open Memorial Day weekend.

-Park Amenity Improvements: New concrete tables going in at Landa Park and LPAC. Next items will be the trash cans and BBQ grills, artificial turf under play structures.

7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

A) Approval of purchases of new BBQ grills and trash cans as part of the Park Renovations Project funded by Park Development Funds.

Jason Vreeland introduced the item.

Chad Donegan reviewed the purchase proposal for new BBQ grills and trash cans for the park system using Park Development Funds.

Joyce Compton made a motion to approve the purchase as written, Courtney Lyons-Garcia seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

9. ADJOURNMENT

By: _____
CHAIR

Attest:

LIASON

7/8/2025

Agenda Item No. A)

PRESENTER:

Chad Donegan, Director

SUBJECT:

July Recognitions and Announcements

DISCUSSION:July is Park and Recreation Month

A variety of activities from Family Storytime and Art in the Park to a guided hike through Panther Canyon to a Food Truck Party are planned to get everyone out and enjoying local parks. This year's theme is "Build Together, Play Together" and park systems from across the country are inviting their communities to participate.

*Calendar of Events attached!

CAPRA Reaccreditation

Staff met with the CAPRA Reaccreditation team on June 9-10 and we are happy to announce the Department met all 154 standards to obtain reaccreditation!

Das Rec Updates

Brandon Chimuinetta has been promoted from Das Rec Assistant Manager to Das Rec Manager and Austin Supak has been promoted from Athletic/Fitness Assistant Supervisor to Athletic/Fitness Supervisor.

Das Rec is hosting an Anniversary Spirit Week July 21-25 to celebrate 7 years.

New Braunfels Parks Foundation

Members of the Foundation attended this year's Live@Landa concerts in Landa Park to raise awareness of the efforts of the Foundation and received 10% of all food truck sales totaling \$365.00. Fundraising efforts for 2025 so far have brought in \$84,620.00.

Upcoming Events:

- Park and Recreation Professionals Day - July 18th
- Das Rec 7th Anniversary - July 21st
- Soul Searching tickets go on sale - August 15th

RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

JULY IS PARK AND RECREATION MONTH

Celebrate with the City of New Braunfels!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
WEEK ONE THEME: GATHERING						
		1	2 Storytime 9:30 am Fischer Park	3 Storytime & Big Blue Blocks 9:30 am Morningside Park	4 Live @ Landa Followed by the H-E-B Fireworks Spectacular Festivities begin at 6pm Landa Park	5
WEEK TWO THEME: WATER						
6	7	8	9 Storytime 9:30 am Fischer Park	10 Art in the Park 9:30 am Landa Park, Near Dance Slab	11 Snow Cone Party 1 - 3 pm Landa Park Aquatic Center	12 Downtown Mural Tour w/ Jan Kingsbury 9 - 11am Downtown New Braunfels
WEEK THREE THEME: NATURE & TRAILS						
13	14	15	16 Storytime 9:30 am Fischer Park	17 Art in the Park 9:30 am Torrey Park	18 Park & Recreation Professionals Day!	19 Panther Canyon Guided Hike w/ the Comal Trails Alliance 8am Landa Park
WEEK FOUR THEME: ATHLETICS & FITNESS						
20	21 Das Rec Anniversary Spirit Week <i>Memory Lane Monday</i>	22 <i>Team Spirit Tuesday</i>	23 Storytime 9:30 am Fischer Park <i>Superhero Wednesday</i>	24 Storytime & Big Blue Blocks 9:30 am Morningside Park <i>Twinning Thursday</i>	25 Das Rec Anniversary Party All Day <i>Float in Friday</i>	26 New Braunfels Fire Department FIT 9am Playground Drive
WEEK FIVE THEME: BUILDING FOR OUR FUTURE						
27	28	29	30 Storytime 9:30 am Fischer Park	31 Landa Park Food Truck Party 5 - 8pm Playground Dr. in Landa Park		

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Agenda Item No. A)

PRESENTER:

Chad Donegan, Director

SUBJECT:

Park Projects Update

DISCUSSION:

Chad Donegan, Director, will provide an update to the Board on several projects going on within the parks.

RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

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Agenda Item No. B)

PRESENTER:

Chad Donegan, Director

SUBJECT:

System Wide Master Plan Update

DISCUSSION:

Chad Donegan, Director, will provide an update on the System Wide Master Plan and review the Partnership Inventory with the Board.

RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

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Agenda Item No. A)

PRESENTER:

Chad Donegan, Director

SUBJECT:

August Meeting Date

DISCUSSION:

The August meeting is currently set for August 12th. The Board will discuss if this date will work or if a new date needs to be decided.

RECOMMENDATION:

N/A