



PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

**CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS CEMETERY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Landa Haus
360 Aquatic Circle
New Braunfels, TX 78130
June 24, 2021 at 4:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Ron Hamel 4:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Committee members present: Ron Hamel, Tammy Albrecht, Raenel Schertz, Lynn Thompson, Connie Krause Allyson Zipp, Gene Bagwell (Maintenance Management).

Committee member not present: Betty Kyle

Staff members present: Ylda Capriccioso, Park Development Manager, Lupe Cervantes, Senior Administrative Assistant.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lynn Thompson motioned to approve the minutes; Tammy Albrecht second the motion. The motion was carried by the committee.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS

No citizen's communication.

Presentations

A. New Braunfels Cemetery Memorial

Ylda thanked Tammy and Allyson for going out to the cemetery and marking the location where the sign will be located.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

A. Soul Searching 2021

Ron is recruiting donors and has not yet talked to HEB for the donation of the bottled waters. He also stated that there are 4 golf cart sponsors and Connie her team have all the

scripts done. Ron requested that the committee members contact their Souls and see if they need help with costumes, props, etc.

Soul Searching Tickets will we order? Ron has a potential sponsor, Tri County, Lisa Hajek and could they have their names on the tickets and they would also like to sponsor a banner for the fence.

B. Soul Searching 2022

Connie provided a packet with proposed Funeral Souls for the 2022 Tour. The packet had information on a pastor, undertaker, coffin maker, sexton, tombstone merchant or maker, the deceased, and the break. Ron stated that the packet provided by Connie was great work. Connie indicated it would be a change of pace and asked Allyson if they could use her coffin. Allyson responded with a yes and they could use the coffin. Connie asked the members if they agreed with what she had presented to them. They were all in agreement.

C. Discussion on Proper Techniques of Headstones and Signage to Educate the Public

Ylda provided research information to the committee on the Billion Graves. The packet is the Grab-N- Go Cemetery Bag Checklist, she also tried to reach out to them on their program. Ron suggestion is to place a sign on what expectations the City of New Braunfels allows for the cleaning of a tombstone. Ron also suggested training on how to rub a stone. Connie suggested we place information on our program guide. Gene is going to check on a product that will not damage the tombstones. Ylda asked the committee to take photos if anything looks out the ordinary and if they see any flags being placed in the cemetery. She has also asked the members to go to the Billion Graves website and see their videos on cleaning. Gene indicated that he has seen groups and they are from the Billion Graves or Find a Grave.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

	Current Term	Regular & Special Meetings Held 10/20 – 9/21	Attended	Missed	Special Meeting
Allyson Zipp	11/18/14 - 11/30/21		8		
Betty Kyle	11/18/14 - 11/30/20		6	2	
Connie Krause	11/18/14 - 11/30/23		6	2	
Tammy Albrecht	11/18/14 - 11/30/23		8		
Ron Hamel	4/21/15 - 11/30/21		8		
Lynn Thompson	11/17/20 - 11/30/23		8		
Raenel Schertz	12/18/18 - 11/30/21		6	2	