



**CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS
RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 21, 2022
MINUTES**

Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

River Advisory Committee Members present: David Davenport, Keith Fontenot, Shane Wolf, Scott Roots, and Darren Hill.

City staff members present: River Operations Manager, Amy Niles; River Operations Specialist, Lee Garteiser; Assistant City Manager, Jared Werner; Chief of Police, Keith Lane; Patrol Lieutenant, Steve Hanna; Patrol Lieutenant, Joe Robles; Director of Communications, Jenna Vinson; Parks and Recreation Director, Stacey Dicke; Park Ranger Superintendent, Marika Misangyi; Park Ranger Assistant Superintendent, Meaghan McDonald; Watershed Program Manager, Mark Enders.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman David Davenport called the meeting to order at 4:00P.M.

2. CONSIDER AND APPROVE MINUTES FROM February 17, 2022 RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

The meeting minutes from the February 17, 2022 River Advisory Committee Meeting were motioned for approval by Mr. Fontenot and seconded by Mr. Wolf. The minutes were approved unanimously.

3. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATION

There was no citizens' communication

4. BOND ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Heather Harrison provided an update on potential projects to be on the next BOND. She highlighted potential support for Comal River projects to be included. The BOND Advisory Committee will not be meeting this summer, so Heather will return to give RAC another update after the BOND Advisory Committee resumes meeting.

5. STAFF REPORT

- A) Presentation on One Water in New Braunfels - Watershed Program Manager Mark Enders, NBU Director of Customer Solutions Sarah Richards, NBU Chief Administrative Officer David Hubbard provided informative presentation on efforts to keep New Braunfels water resources clean and sustainable.
- B) Presentation on River Safety Video – Director of Communications Jenna Vinson presented video developed by the City to be informative and provide useful tips to enhance safety and enjoyment on the river. Indicated plans for distribution in theaters and with the cooperation of outfitters.
- C) Update on the Comal River Improvement Project – River Operations Manager Amy Niles informed the committee that Freese and Nicholls will be moving forward with preliminary design for Weir Dam #2, and with ADA assessment and requirements with proposed phases 1 and 2 for the Last Public Exit. A more detailed presentation and call for recommendations will come at the Joint Park and Recreation Advisory Board and River Advisory Committee meeting in May.



- D) Update on Water Recreation Shuttle Permitting for 2022 – River Operations Manager Amy Niles informed the committee that we were over half-way complete, getting very close with information we had on-hand. All-in-all the process has been well-received, with realization now that we have been able to capture a lot of the information, it will be easier in the future as only edits will need to be made to existing information and process in-place for new shuttles.

6. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- Joint meeting with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to discuss Comal River Improvements Project and River Season Preparations

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Approved on May 10, 2022 by:

David Davenport, Chair