

ARTICLE IV. NEW BRAUNFELS PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

Sec. 30-60. Purpose.

There is hereby created the New Braunfels Partnership Committee whose purpose is to create and strengthen partnerships between the city and its citizens and Braunfels, Germany, and its citizens, and any other city and its citizens outside the United States approved by the city council as a "sister city" of New Braunfels in an effort to foster and promote cultural, economic, recreational and educational understanding between the cities and its citizens. The New Braunfels Partnership Committee shall work with the citizens of the community, local schools, businesses, and civic groups to educate and facilitate participation in programs designed to enhance the partnership(s) between the city and Braunfels, Germany, and any other city approved by the city council. In order to facilitate such partnerships and understanding, the city may participate, through the New Braunfels Partnership Committee, in the Texas Sister Cities Program and/or the Sister Cities International Program.

(Ord. No. 2009-55, § 2, 8-10-09)

Sec. 30-61. Members, terms, appointments.

(a) The New Braunfels Partnership Committee shall be composed of ~~15~~11 citizens residing in the city or the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the city, with staggered three-year terms. The mayor shall nominate citizens to the committee and the city council shall approve said nominations. The nominations and appointments of committee members shall be on a rotating basis so that five members shall be appointed each year. Vacancies on the committee shall be filled in a like manner for the unexpired term of the vacant position on the committee. The mayor of the city shall be an ex-officio member of the committee.

(b) A committee member shall be assumed to have resigned from the committee and the committee member's position considered vacant if the committee member is absent from two meetings of the committee within a one-year period. This provision may be waived or suspended upon a finding by majority vote of the committee that one or more of the absences should be excused.

(Ord. No. 2009-55, § 2, 8-10-09)

Sec. 30-62. Officers.

The New Braunfels Partnership Committee shall have a chair~~man~~, vice_~~chairman~~, and secretary and any additional officers approved by the committee in accordance with its bylaws.

(Ord. No. 2009-55, § 2, 8-10-09)

Sec. 30-63. Powers and duties.

- (a) The committee shall serve in an advisory capacity to the city council on matters relating to relationships between the city; Braunfels, Germany; and any other "sister city" relationship approved by the city council. The committee shall advise the city council on uses and expenditures of any funding that may be available from private and/or public sources that will benefit the partnerships and relationships between the city and other cities.

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- (b) The committee may adopt and amend, if necessary, bylaws for the operation and structure of the committee.
 - (c) The committee may establish such subcommittees of the committee that it deems necessary and appropriate for carrying out the purposes for which the committee has been created. In order to further the goal of expanding community participation in the partnership city program, non-committee members may be appointed by the committee as ex-officio members of the subcommittees and the ex-officio members of the subcommittees need not be residents of the city.

(Ord. No. 2009-55, § 2, 8-10-09)