



PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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

**Landa Haus
360 Aquatic Circle
New Braunfels, TX 78130
May 27, 2021 at 4:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Ron Hamel 4:09 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Committee members present: Ron Hamel, Tammy Albrecht, Betty Kyle, Lynn Thompson, Allyson Zipp.

Committee member not present: Raenel Schertz, Connie Krause

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tammy Albrecht made a motion to approve the minutes; Betty Kyle second the motion. The motion was carried by the committee.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS

No citizen's communication.

Presentations

A. Comal Cemetery Historic Marker

Lynn Thompson was complimented for her work on the nomination marker from the THC for the Comal Cemetery.

B. . New Braunfels Cemetery Memorial

The blocks have been delivered and Ylda will get with Tammy and Allyson. They will go out to the cemetery and spray paint where the blocks need to be set.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

A. Soul Searching 2021

Connie has digital photos and Stacey will get with her to get the photos. Lynn will work with Connie on the 2022 Souls.

Stacey has not heard from Katie if she is still interested in being an actor. Ron stated that he will reach out to her.

Stacey provided and updated form with event date, price, and date of sale of tickets, timeline, marketing plan and committee assignments. Event Dates October 22 & 23, 2021
Ticket prices: \$20.00 per ticket and Theme: 175th Celebration.

B. Atlas Preservation

Lynn informed the committee that she and Ron had entered a contest and if they won they would get the D2 product for cleaning of tombstones.

C. Discussion on Cemetery Cleaning

The next cleaning day was scheduled for June 19, but the committee agreed to change the date to June 26, 2021.

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

The committee discussed the proper technique on the cleaning of the headstones. Lynn provided a photo of one of the headstones that someone tried to clean in the Comal Cemetery. The committee is concerned about the mass internet postings on people visiting cemeteries and destroying the headstones with the cleaning techniques they are using. They are requesting signage stating prior to any cleaning or work being done on a grave or headstone they will the approval of the City. Tammy stated that only family members who have family buried there should be the ones who can maintain their graves. Gene stated the owners could do the work themselves or hire someone and that they have seen a higher traffic of people asking for certain graves. Betty asked if we could look at what other cities are providing for cleaning and what can we do. Stacey informed the committee that research will be done on what other cities are doing and update the committee

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

	Current Term	Regular & Special Meetings Held 10/20 – 9/21	Attended	Missed	Special Meeting
Allyson Zipp	11/18/14 - 11/30/21		7		
Betty Kyle	11/18/14 - 11/30/20		6	1	
Connie Krause	11/18/14 - 11/30/23		5	2	
Tammy Albrecht	11/18/14 - 11/30/23		7		
Ron Hamel	4/21/15 - 11/30/21		7		
Lynn Thompson	11/17/20 - 11/30/23		7		
Raenel Schertz	12/18/18 - 11/30/21		5	2	