



PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

**CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS CEMETERY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
PARKS ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
110 Golf Course Road
New Braunfels, TX 78130
July 22, 2021 at 4:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Ron Hamel 4:11 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Staff members present: Stacey Dicke, Parks Director, Ylda Capriccioso, Park Development Manager.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The motion was made by Lynn Thompson and second by Raenel Schertz to approve the minutes. The motion was carried by the committee, with the correction of location of the meeting from Landa Haus to the Parks Office.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS

No citizen's communication.

Presentations

None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

A. Update on Board /Commission/Committee Term Dates

Stacey informed the committee the City Secretary's office has recommended for the boards and commissions to be split in to two groups aligning the term dates to two times per year. The applications will be done in September and the appointments in November. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Cemetery Committee and the Landa Park Golf Course Advisory Board would all fall under the fall terms. The new board member will start in

December. They have a new software for all boards and all applications will be done online. Betty Kyle was appointed by Park Board and her term date will need to be updated. Ron would like to exercise the calendar when we have meetings in November.

B. Soul Searching 2021

Stacey provided the committee an updated worksheet for the event. The committee discussed the logistics with Stacey. Connie inquired on the flashlights and if we have sufficient inventory. Stacey informed Connie that we inventory supplies two months prior to the event. The committee was informed that a new Creative Marketing Coordinator was hired, and her name is Amy. Connie confirmed that the scripts were complete. Ron stated that Patrick Aten will volunteer. The committee members will work with their soulmates and will take the responsibility and inquire if they need help with props. Lynn inquired on details on how props are provided. She was informed that Parks does not provide props and the committee member helps their souls with their props. Ron contacted the volunteers and was informed some can only volunteer one night. He also still needs two more sponsors for the golf carts. Allyson has volunteered to be a sponsor of a golf cart. Only one sponsor is now needed for the golf carts. They also had discussion on potentials business donors.

C. New Braunfels Cemetery Workday

The committee members all agreed that there was a lot of work done on the June workday. They also discussed not to schedule a workday in summer. Allyson stated that they should concentrate on the graves and the landscape should be done by the Parks Department. Ron inquired if they were at liberty to clean up grave sites. The committee can clean the graves that the family has given their consent. Stacey replied that it is totally up to the committee as to what they want to do but informed them that all the work they did was a big help to our department. Ron stated it was good to be visual and show the neighborhood that we care. Connie inquired if we could get any public relations to show the public we care. Tammy inquired if Gene's company only mows in the cemeteries. Gene's company's contract is only for mowing. Tammy also stated that a good job was done in the cleaning of the cemetery and could it be done again in March.

D. Discuss Mordhorst Historic Marker Dedication Date and Time

The historic marker was placed on the grave of Mordhorst and due to the pandemic, there was no marker dedication. The dedication could be thirty minutes to an hour. They discussed February as the month for the dedication and possibly using Landa Haus on a Saturday.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

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