



**CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS
RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
September 16, 2021
MINUTES**

Thursday, September 16, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

River Advisory Committee Members present: Darren Hill, Scott Roots, Sarah Shae, Andy Powell, Shane Wolf, Heather Harrison.

City staff members present: River Operations Manager, Amy Niles; Parks and Recreation Director, Stacey Dicke; Parks; Chief of Police, Keith Lane; Parks and Recreation Assistant Director, Ken Wilson; Park Ranger Superintendent, Marika I. Misangyi; Police Lieutenant, Joe Robles; and Management Assistant, Emily Wieland.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman **Darren Hill** called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

2. CONSIDER AND APPROVE MINUTES FROM August 19, 2021 RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

The meeting minutes from August 19, 2021 River Advisory Committee Meeting were motioned by Mr. Roots and seconded by Mr. Powell. The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATION

There was no citizens' communication

4. END OF SEASON RIVER ACTIVITIES REPORT

Ms. Niles recapped data from the Smartsheet and asked the board if they would like to continue using the Smartsheet to view this river data. Parking revenue was good even with two parking lots closed. The River Management fees collected were also high despite the rain we had this summer. Mill Street collected \$30,000 with only 14 parking spaces.

5. DISCUSS 2021 PUBLIC INPUT MEETING QUESTIONS

The committee talked about conducting a survey over having a public input meeting. One question they are considering is security, to include the usage of cameras. In addition, they could ask citizens their awareness of river marker signs and if they know how to help themselves while on the river.

Ms. Niles asked the committee to think about what information they want to gather from the survey and what they want to gain from the survey. This discussion evolved into the possibility of a "did you know" campaign to gauge awareness on the river. The public meeting input is tabled, and the committee is looking to make this a fun facts, helpful, informational campaign to educate the visitors on the river leading up to the next river season.

6. DISCUSS UPDATE ON THE UPCOMING DOS RIOS WATERSHED CLEANUP

Ms. Niles announced that the Dos Rios will be on Saturday, October 2nd. This year it will be conducted a little bit different in that it will be a drive-thru where participants will sign in, get their equipment, clean-up location, a Chick-fil-A lunch and gift.



7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- Dos Rios Event Update
- Informative Campaign
- Council Presentation Recap
- Ordinance Revision

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Approved on October 21, 2021 by:

David Davenport, Chair