

**KEEP ABILENE BEAUTIFUL
BOARD MEETING
July 5, 2006**

OFFICERS PRESENT

Martin Garcia –Interim for Doug Hodel

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Dave Boyll Malcolm Bramlett Rod Cates Sydnye Moore
Yogi Christesson Wendy Stovall Tara Castille Stephanie Kraly Jana Moreno

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Doug Hodel Linda Taubert Tim Dickenson Tom Rigsby
Mary Ann Martin JoAnn Sczech Victor Sotelo

SUPPORT MEMBERS PRESENT

Megan Santee – City, Legal Dept. Jon James – City, Planning Director Renee Weems
Mike Wegner – Solid Waste Mary Beth Kilgore – TX DOT Donna Albus – KTB
Leonard Neith – Solid Waste

Item I: Call to Order. Martin Garcia called the meeting to order.

Item II: Welcome Guests

Megan – Guest of Wendy Stovall Mary Perkins
Brandy – Guest of Yogi Christesson Steve – Guest of Tara Castille

Item III: Approval of minutes. Rod Cates *made the motion to accept the minutes. Stephanie Kraly seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed.*

Item IV: Treasurer’s Report – Yogi Christesson gave the treasurer’s report.

As of May, 2006

Balance	Checks Written/Cost	Deposits
General Oper Acct		
38,407.57	(1,671.11)	\$2,737.85
Crape Myrtle Account		
\$5,549.15	(\$0)	\$0

Stephanie Kraly made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report as written. Malcolm Bramlett seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed.

Item V: Action Items

A. Discussion and Possible Approval of funds for Table and Chairs –Malcolm Bramlett asked the board for approval up to \$200.00 to purchase a 6’ folding table and chairs. **Yogi Christesson made a motion to approve purchasing the table and chairs. Stephanie Kraly seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed.**

B. Discussion and Possible Approval for funds for giveaway items – Martin Garcia stated that giveaway items are running low. KAB has a budget of up to \$2,000. Lesli Andrews stated there were enough items until the new budget, although it is the unexpected that may come up that could deplete

the stock. The recommendation was made that \$1000.00 can be used this budget year and be added to increase the budget next year to \$3,000.

Stephanie Kraly made a motion to increase the budgeted amount by \$1,000.00. Yogi Christesson seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed.

C. Election of 2006-2007 Keep Abilene Beautiful Officers – Malcolm Bramlett stated the slate of officers for 2006-2007 as Martin Garcia, 2006-2007 President, Tara Castille as President Elect, and Yogi Christesson as Treasurer. **Malcolm Bramlett made a motion to accept the proposed slate of officers. Dave Boyll seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed.**

D. Discussion and approval for participation in and funds for the West Texas Fair & Rodeo Parade. Martin Garcia asked for approval for participation and funds of \$75.00 with no changes in the amount from last year. **Wendy Stovall made a motion to approve funds of \$75.00 for the WTF&R. Yogi Christesson seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed.**

Item VI: Non-Action Items

A. Election of 2006-2007 KAB Board Members – Malcolm Bramlett stated there would be three positions open in September. Malcolm asked for possible board members to be submitted to him as soon as possible. Malcolm asked that this be done by next week, if possible, and to call or email him or Lesli Andrews.

B. Report from Board Members attending KTB Conference – Martin Garcia reported that the conference went well and was very informative. Lesli Andrews reported on awards won at the Keep Texas Beautiful Conference: 1) The Keep Texas Beautiful Gold Star affiliate. 2) Sustained Excellence Award for 90+ 3 years in a row on the GCAA. 3) KAB came in second place receiving the Government Community Achievement Award plaque along with a certificate. She also stated that next year is the 40th year of Keep Texas Beautiful. She stated Coca Cola is one of the major state sponsors and they have agreed to do a commemorative coke bottle in honor of KTB to be unveiled at next year's conference. Also, the Don't Mess with Texas slogan has been nominated for the national all time ad slogan. Lesli will email members with that web site to vote for this slogan.

Martin Garcia reported we now have the 3rd annual Keep Texas Beautiful Ornaments, costing \$20.00. Cost is \$14.40 for KAB members. Donna Albus reported that Dyess A.F.B. won the 1st place Government Military Award this year.

C. Announcement of Awards Recognition at July 13th City Council Meeting – Martin Garcia announced that at the July 13, 2006, City Council Meeting, 8:30 am, awards received at the KTB Conference would be presented to the Mayor. He urged all board members to attend.

D. Nominations for Xeriscape House of the Month - Martin Garcia asked board members to make nominations for yard of the month. Please complete the form and submit to Lesli Andrews.

E. Report from Adopt-a-Highway – Mary Beth Kilgore stated that Jill Collett, Office Manager for TxDOT's Taylor County Maintenance Section, received TxDOT's 2006 Adopt-a-Highway Maintenance Employee of the Year Award.

F. Report from Texas Forest Service – Eric Copeland – No Report.

G. Report from Taylor Extension Office – Melissa Clifton – No Report.

H. Report AIDS – Ledessa White – No Report. Martin Garcia did state he will be meeting with AISD next week to set up some things to do for Keep AISD Beautiful which will include getting the elementary, middle school and high schools involved.

I. Report WISD – Nick Pruitt – No Report.

J. Report from Solid Waste Services/Environmental Recycle Center – Mike Wegner reported that after the storm we had a few weeks ago over 700 people brought in limbs to recycle.

K. Report from WCTCOG – Wendy Stovall reported receiving 12 or 13 grant applications totaling over \$268,000 in requests with only \$174,542 available to be awarded. Announcement of fund grants will be made July 13.

L. Sign up for Bingo – Martin Garcia said there are a couple of openings in September, also need someone for July 29, and August 16. Unit Bingo has not started yet.

M. Coordinator's Report – Lesli Andrews - No Report.

Item VII: Next Meeting – August 2, 2006, TBA

Item VIII: Adjournment – with not further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm.

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