

**KEEP ABILENE BEAUTIFUL
BOARD MEETING
March 7, 2007**

OFFICERS PRESENT

Yogi Christesson

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Rod Cates	JoAnn Sczech	Malcolm Bramlett	Carolyn Cockerell
Jana Moreno	Mary Perkins	Doug Hodel	Stephanie Kraly
Kevin Riney			

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Mary Beth Kilgore	Ledessa White	Raymond Grothaus	Wendy Stovall
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BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Jerry Harris	Victor Sotelo	Mary Ann Martin	Monica Shannon	Tom Rigsby
Martin Garcia	Tara Castille			

SUPPORT MEMBERS PRESENT

Patricia Aldridge – City, Legal Dept.	Priscilla Rayford – Community Enhancement Division Manager
Jon James – City, Planning & Development	Mike Wegner – Solid Waste Services
Jim Winward – Public Works	Sheryl Fillmon – Community Enhancement Secretary
Donna Albus – Keep Texas Beautiful	

WELCOME GUESTS

Shelley Neilson

Item I: Call to Order. Yogi Christesson called the meeting to order in Martin Garcia’s absence.

Item II: Approval of minutes. *Malcolm Bramlett made the motion to accept the minutes. Stephanie Kraly seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed.*

Item III. Treasurer’s Report – Yogi Christesson gave the treasurer’s report as follows: discussion.

As of January 31, 2007

Balance	Checks Written/Cost	Deposits
General Oper Acct		
\$49,295.98	(\$464.00)	\$1882.93
Crape Myrtle Account		
\$5,549.15	(\$0.00)	

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

Item IV: Action Items

A. Discussion and Possible Approval for the disposition of funds in the Crape Myrtle Account: Yogi Christesson stated that once a year there needed to be movement in the Crape Myrtle Account so that the funds would not go to the Comptroller’s Office. Mary Perkins suggested planting crape myrtles at Hwy 277 and I-20 and Hwy 83-84. Mary Beth Kilgore reported that it would not be a good time to plant in those areas due to construction in the near future. Kevin Riney mentioned the 4 entryways into Abilene and possibly at the Abilene Zoo. Malcolm Bramlett asked for board members to email him with suggestions for beautification locations.

Doug Hodel made a motion to allow the Coordinator to use up to \$500.00 with Executive Board approval. Malcolm Bramlett seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed.

B. Discussion and Possible Approval for funds for Project Re-Directory class winners – Mike Wegner reported that six schools had signed up to participate in Project Re-Directory. He stated that Solid Waste will set out eighteen containers at different schools and they are collecting from them once a week. Awards in the past have been pizza parties for the winning schools and he asked if the Board would like to do this again this year.

Malcolm Bramlett made a motion to award \$500.00 for the pizza parties. Doug Hodel seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed.

C. Discussion and Possible Approval for funds for refreshments for environmental class – Wendy Stovall stated that the City of Abilene would be hosting a class on Local Control of Illegal Dumping at the West Texas Council of Government Office on April 10th. The cost is \$50.00 to attend with area regions participating. She is requesting funds for refreshments for morning and afternoon snacks in the amount of \$200.00. *Stephanie Kraly made a motion to donate \$200.00 for refreshments. Malcolm Bramlett seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed.*

D. Discussion and Possible Approval of a Resolution to promote exterior receptacles outside businesses – Jim Winward with Public Works asked for support of receptacles outside businesses. He stated that litter blowing from around the Mall area prompted a citizen to complain that the litter was coming from those businesses there and felt like containers should be provided for their customers by the businesses. He felt like it was a good idea but did not want to make it a law that a business be required to have more than one trash can. He asked for support from the board through a resolution. *Malcolm Bramlett made a motion to promote exterior receptacles outside businesses. Rod Cates seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed.*

Non-Action Items

A. Great American Cleanup Calendar – Yogi Christesson asked if everyone got the calendar in their email. She stated it would be emailed to anyone who makes a request for one.

B. Sign-up to volunteer for Business Expo – Yogi Christesson stated one slot needed to be filled from 1-3 pm.

C. Sign up to volunteer for Don't Mess With Texas Trash Off - Jill Flores stated that the Texas Trash off will be on Saturday, April 14th at the K-mart Parking Lot. Set up time will be at 7:00 am. Registration will begin at 8:30 am. Pizza will be served to volunteers from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. Sign up sheet will be at the next meeting.

D. Sign up to volunteer for Spring Clean - Jill Flores stated that Spring Clean will be held April 19-21 at the Recycling Center. Eight volunteers will be needed for 4 hour slots. Times are 8:30 am until 4:00 pm. Sign-up sheets will be at the next meeting.

E. Report from Adopt-A-Highway – Mary Beth Kilgore stated that nine groups were signed up in the Taylor County area for Texas Trash Off.

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

G. Report from AISD – Ledessa White reported that they are working in conjunction with Solid Waste on Project Re-Directory with six schools that have already responded. She stated they are also working on receiving nominations for the Janet Parkey Award.

H. Report from WISD - Nick Pruitt – No Report.

I. Report from Solid Waste Services – Mike Wegner passed around latest edition of *Trash Talk*. He spoke of a letter to the editor this morning about Nelson Park being trashy. He said there had never been a clean up at Nelson Lake such as the ones at Ft. Phantom and asked the Board to think about future cleanups there.

J. Report from WCTCOG – Wendy Stovall stated she had written four grants in December and would hear on those this summer. She introduced Shelley Nielson who has been assisting her with promoting beautification in schools to second graders.

K. Sign up for Bingo – Yogi Christesson stated two slots were still open in April and four in May.

L. Discussion of Bingo Gain/Losses Report – Malcolm Bramlett stated that there has been an average of \$1,000.00 a month to Keep Abilene Beautiful with this month possibly being over \$1,000.00. Bingo is doing better than before with the new non-smoking ordinance.

M. Coordinator's Report - Jill Flores stated possibly doing memorial trees for Arbor Day on April 28 to honor as a memorial to a loved one or friend. If anyone needs name tags or t-shirts, please let her know so she can order them. She stated a group through the TRiO Program coordinated through ACU was interested in adopting N.10th Street in the area of Judge Ely to the Cemetery. A lot of service dates are coming up with different churches and university groups participating.

Item VII. Next Meeting – April 4, 2007, Noon, Enrique's Restaurant, 4358 Sayles Blvd.

Item VIII. Adjournment – with no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.