

**KEEP ABILENE BEAUTIFUL
BOARD MEETING
April 4, 2007**

OFFICERS PRESENT

Martin Garcia Yogi Christesson Tara Castille

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Kevin Riney Tom Rigsby Mary Ann Martin Victor Sotelo
Monica Shannon

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Mary Beth Kilgore Melissa Clifton Raymond Grothaus

SUPPORT MEMBERS PRESENT

Jon James, City, Planning & Development Thaddeus Iwuji, City, Legal Department
Priscilla Rayford, City, Community Enhancement Mike Wegner, City, Solid Waste Services
Donna Albus, Keep Texas Beautiful Jim Winward, City, Public Works

Item I: **Call to Order.** Martin Garcia called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. He recognized guest Lydia Long.

Item II: **Approval of Minutes.** *Yogi Christesson moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Jerry Harris seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

Item III: **Treasurer's Report.** Yogi Christesson gave the treasurer's report as follows:
As of February 28, 2007:

Balance	Checks Written/Cost	Deposits
General Operating Account		
\$50,040.10	\$367.00	\$1004.69
Crape Myrtle Account		
\$5549.15		

Stephanie Kraly moved to accept the treasurer's report for audit. Tara Castille seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Item IV: **Action Items**

A. Discussion and Possible Approval for funds for color printer for KAB Coordinator's office:

Mr. Bramlett stated that funds were set aside for furniture for the Keep Abilene Beautiful Coordinator. This furniture was purchased by the City of Abilene. Mr. Bramlett stated that it has come to his attention that the KAB Coordinator does not have a printer in her office and must retrieve color prints from the basement printer. Mr. Bramlett requested that \$725.95 be expended for a HP Color Printer and supplies (printer cartridges for six months). After that initial six-month period, the City will maintain the printer and supplies. The printer will be purchased from SAM's Club.

Yogi Christesson moved to expend \$725.95 for a color printer for the KAB coordinator. Mary Perkins seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Item V: Non-Action Items

A. Sign up to volunteer for “Don’t Mess With Texas Trash-Off”

The Don’t Mess With Texas Trash-Off will be held on April 14th from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the parking lot of Kmart. Pizza will be provided for volunteers at 11:30 a.m. Board members were asked to sign the volunteer sheet for this event

B. Sign up to volunteer for Spring Clean, April 19-21

A sign up sheet was circulated for Board members. Volunteers are needed for this event from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Board members will be assisting at the Environmental Recycling Center and lunch will be provided. Dr. Lydia Long stated that in conjunction with Spring Clean, a member of the Old Town Neighborhood Association is providing a cash prize for the “most improved” property in that neighborhood.

C. Discuss date for cleanup of recycling site maintained by KAB

This site is located on Southwest Drive across from Wal-Mart. The cleanup of this site will be held on April 9th at 6:00 p.m. Board members were requested to assist with this cleanup effort.

D. Report form Adopt-a-Highway

Mary Beth Kilgore with TxDOT stated that participation in the Adopt-a-Highway program is down and only about one-third of the registered groups will be participating. Ms. Kilgore stated that more publicity is required for this program.

E. Report from Taylor Extension Office

Melissa Clifton stated that the extension office has been receiving calls regarding the current watering restrictions. The Extension Office will be providing demonstrations regarding rainwater retention.

F. Report from AISD

Ms. White was not present at the meeting and no report was presented.

G. Report from WISD

Mr. Pruitt was not present at the meeting and no report was presented.

H. Report from Solid Waste Services/Environmental Recycle Center

Mike Wegner stated that two (2) neighborhood cleanups have been completed – the Amarillo/Highland and College Heights Neighborhoods. Approximately 75 junked vehicles were removed from these areas. Mr. Wegner provided Board members with information regarding the banning of plastic bags in the City of San Francisco. The Division has been receiving numerous calls regarding the ordinance recently passed by the City Council regarding the Solid Waste Ordinance (bagging trash, removal of containers from the street after pickup, illegal dumping, etc.).

I. Report from WCTCOG

Windy Stovall was not present at the meeting and no report was presented.

J. Sign up for Bingo

Board members were encouraged to sign up for bingo.

K. Coordinator’s Report

Jon James, Director of Planning and Development Services, informed the Board members that the Planning and Zoning Commission will be considering the Landscaping Ordinance at a special meeting on April 16, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. If approved by the Commission, the information will be forwarded to the City Council for consideration on May 10 and a public hearing on May 24. Mr. James urged the Board members to attend the

meeting on April 16 or send comments to him prior to this meeting. Mr. James stated that the information proposed by staff is being submitted to the Planning and Zoning Commission and was endorsed by this Board.

Jill Flores provided information regarding the following:

- Advertisements for the Trash Off and Spring Clean are being provided through PSAs and Billboard
- Mary Perkins provided information regarding Keep Abilene Beautiful and the KAB projects to the Southwest Rotary Club on April 3
- Project Re-Directory ends on April 13
- Keep AISD Beautiful meets on April 16, 2007
- Arbor Day is April 28th - JoAnn Sczech has spoken to Linda Taubert (Past President of KAB) regarding a memorial tree for her son. Ms. Taubert was very receptive to the idea.
- Earth Day is April 21st – KAB will be partnering with the Recycling Center (Bill Brock) for activities at the Abilene Zoo.

Item VI: Next Meeting – May 2, 2007, Noon, Enrique’s Restaurant, 4358 Sayles Boulevard.

Item VII: Adjournment – with no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.