

**KEEP ABILENE BEAUTIFUL  
BOARD MEETING  
June 6, 2007**

**OFFICERS PRESENT**

Martin Garcia

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Rod Cates	JoAnn Sczech	Malcolm Bramlett	Tom Rigsby
Mary Perkins	Doug Hodel	Jerry Harris	Mary Ann Martin
Kevin Riney	Carolyn Cockerell		

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Victor Sotelo	Monica Shannon	Yogi Christesson
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**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mary Beth Kilgore    Wendy Stovall

**SUPPORT MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jon James, City, Planning & Development	Priscilla Rayford, City, Community Enhancement
Mike Wegner, City, Solid Waste Services	Donna Albus, Keep Texas Beautiful
Jim Winward, City, Public Works	Renee Weems, City, Environmental Crimes Officer

**Item I:**        **Call to Order.** Martin Garcia called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

**Item II:**        **Approval of Minutes.** *Malcolm Bramlett moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Rod Cates seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

**Item III:**        **Treasurer's Report.** Martin Garcia gave April and May's treasurer's report as follows:  
**As of February 28, 2007:**

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

*JoAnn Sczech moved to accept the treasurer's report for audit. Doug Hodel seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

**As of March 28, 2007:**

Balance	Checks Written/Cost	Deposits
<b>General Operating Account</b>		
\$50,040.10	\$1503.63	\$2,845.53
<b>Crape Myrtle Account</b>		
\$5,549.15		

*Rod Cates moved to accept the treasurer's report for audit. Malcolm Bramlett seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

**Item IV:**        **Action Items**

**A. Discussion and Possible Approval for funds for tires and trailer** – Malcolm Bramlett reported that he researched prices for tires at several businesses and found that *Discount Tires* had the best price at \$270.00 with a 100% replacement warranty. *Malcolm Bramlett made a motion to expend \$270.00 for replacement of the tires. Rod Cates seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

**B. Discussion and Possible Approval for funds for volunteer t-shirts-** Jill Flores asked for discussion on purchasing t-shirts for volunteers. She stated the price for t-shirts are approximately \$9.00 each, and could be sold for \$10.00 or more. She suggested the KAB logo be on the front and *volunteer* on the back of the shirt. Discussion followed for the placement of the logo, and color of the shirts. Jill asked about going ahead and buying 20 shirts for now for the *Adopt-A-Spot Program* that is coming up. After some discussion it was concluded to allow the Executive Board decide on the color of the shirts and site of logo with the final look of the shirt emailed to members by Jill Flores for approval. ***Malcolm Bramlett made a motion to expend \$500.00 for purchase of KAB T-Shirts. Martin Garcia seconded the motion and the motion was carried unanimously.***

**C. Discussion and Possible Approval for funds for Fort Imagination Re-build:** Jill Flores reported on the rebuild of Fort Imagination and stated the cost at around \$25,000 with \$19,000.00 already raised through private donations. She asked members if they would like to buy crape myrtles from the crape myrtle fund to border around the playground as a donation from Keep Abilene Beautiful. She stated this would be done around October during tree planting season. She also mentioned possible having a plaque or “brick” with KAB at the site. ***Malcolm Bramlett made a motion to expend \$1,000.00 from the crape myrtle account to plant crape myrtle trees to be placed at Fort Imagination. Doug Hodel seconded the motion and the motion was carried unanimously.***

**D. Discussion and Possible Approval for funds for City Hall foyer brochure rack –** Jill Flores stated that a brochure rack had been purchased and placed in the foyer of City Hall. Stormwater Services, Keep Abilene Beautiful, Water Utilities and the Solid Waste Services have brochures placed in the brochure rack. The brochures are there for the public and have been distributed well. Jill asked for \$94.00 for Keep Abilene Beautiful’s part toward the price of the brochure rack. ***Malcolm Bramlett made a motion to expend \$94.00 for the Brochure Rack. Rod Cates seconded the motion and the motion was carried unanimously.***

**E. Discussion and Possible Approval for funds for reusable bags with KAB logo –** Jill Flores asked for discussion on re-useable bags. She stated that there is a company called “Clean Green Bags”, with the color being green the same as the KAB color. To get logo on both sides the order has to be over 1,000 with the cost being \$1400.00 including \$350.00 shipping and handling charges. She stated the bag is made in China and shipped from there. The bag has a sturdy bottom with long handles and is box style being sturdy enough for groceries. She stated the bags can be handed out at different events such as Business Expo giving more exposure for KAB. She stated the bags are 90 cents a bag and that she has asked for a sample to be sent to her, but did state she had seen pictures of the bags. ***Malcolm Bramlett made a motion to expend \$3,000.00 for the re-useable bags. Mary Ann Martin seconded the motion and the motion was carried unanimously.***

## **Item V: Non-Action Items**

**A. Presentation of the City’s Landscaping and Urban Design regulations –** Jon James reported that the City has adopted a landscaping ordinance as there was none in the past.. The main thing is it will require new businesses or re-development to put in landscaping as part of their site plan that they present to the City. The focus is landscaping between the building and the street, and a percentage of the area between building and street that has to be landscaped with planting of trees and shrubs. It does require low water use planting and there is a list of acceptable trees and shrubs available. They may plant other things but only get credit for the low water usage. There are some alternatives with existent sites. There is also a credit for preserving trees on a site.

**B. Report from Adopt-a-Highway –** Mary Beth Kilgore reported that Austin has come up with an Adopt-a-Highway Program so they can now access the coordinators across the State. This will enable letters to be sent out automatically through an automated system as well as help maintain the adopt-a-highway rules.

**C. Report from Taylor County Extension Office:** Melissa Clifton was absent, no report given.

**D. Report from AISD** – Ledessa White was absent, no report given.

**E. Report from WISD** – Nick Pruitt was absent, no report was given.

**F. Report from Solid Waste Services/Environmental Recycle Center** – Mike Wegner stated in May there were two neighborhood clean-ups being at Ft. Phantom and Sears picking up 27 tons of trash and 220 tires. In June there are three cleanups scheduled on the weekend -- Holiday Hills, Alameda and North Grape. In July the areas of South Grape and Old Town are scheduled for cleanups. He also mentioned the Recycle Center will be open 7 pm through the summer on Thursday, Friday and Saturdays.

**G. Report from WCTCOG** – Wendy Stovall stated she had not heard about the next grant cycle. Also she stated the regional solid waste plan had been approved.

**H. Sign up for Bingo** – Martin Garcia stated there were still several slots open in August and encouraged sign-ups.

**I. Coordinator's Report** – Jill Flores reported that the memorial tree for David Taubert is in the ground with the plaque. There will be an Adopt-A-Spot campaign in July for residents to pledge to keep an area clean. In August, KAB will work with Renee Weems, Environmental Crimes on a Cigarette Litter Prevention Program. A mum sale is in the works for September. KAB will partner with the Abilene Garden Club to have mums for sale at their building on Westwood. A future project to use crape myrtle funds will be trees along Belmont.

**Item VI:** Next Meeting – After discussion and approval from members there will be no meeting in July. The next meeting will be August 1, 2007. Place of meeting TBA.

**Item VII:** Adjournment – with no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.