

**KEEP ABILENE BEAUTIFUL  
BOARD MEETING  
August 1, 2007**

**OFFICERS PRESENT**

Tara Castille – presiding for Martin Garcia  
Yogi Christesson

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Rod Cates	JoAnn Sczech	Malcolm Bramlett	Tom Rigsby
Mary Perkins	Jerry Harris	Stephanie Kraly	Victor Sotelo
Carolyn Cockerell	Jana Moreno	Monica Shannon	

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Kevin Riney Doug Hodel

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mary Beth Kilgore Wendy Stovall

**SUPPORT MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**WELCOME GUESTS:**

Lydia Long	Bill Brock	Teresa James
Richard Bunkley	Courtnee Hembree	

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

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

**Item III:**      **Treasurer’s Report.** Yogi Christesson gave April and May’s treasurer’s report as follows:  
**As of May 31, 2007:**

Balance	Checks Written/Cost	Deposits
<b>General Operating Account</b>		
\$50,613.41	\$1,320.12	\$1,665.00
<b>Crape Myrtle Account</b>		
\$5549.15		

**As of June 30, 2007:**

Balance	Checks Written/Cost	Deposits
<b>General Operating Account</b>		
\$51,861.35	\$3471.25	\$3671.00
<b>Crape Myrtle Account</b>		
\$5549.15		

*Yogi did state that there needed to be movement on the Crape Myrtle Account as there has been no activity on the account for a year.*

**Approval of Treasurer’s Report.** *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 a new KAB camera** – Malcolm Bramlett stated a new digital camera was needed for KAB. He stated that he had looked at cameras at Sam's *Club* for \$199.00 (rounding off to \$200.00). Stephanie Kraly made a motion to add \$50.00 for a memory card. Malcolm made a motion for approval of \$250.00 for a new digital camera and a memory card. ***Rod Cates made a motion to expend \$250.00 for a digital camera/memory card. Tara Castille seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.***

**B. Discussion and Possible Approval for funds for jack for trailer** – Malcolm stated that a jack was needed for the trailer to better load the trailer on and off. He stated that it is called a bulldog hitch (leg and wheel). The cost is \$125.00 for both the hitch and jack ***Malcolm Bramlett made a motion to expend \$125.00 for the hitch. Rod Cates seconded the motion and the motion was carried unanimously.***

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

**A. Report from Adopt-a-Highway** – Mary Beth Kilgore – no Report given.

**B. Report from Taylor Extension Office** – Melissa Clifton was absent, no report given.

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

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

**E. Report from Solid Waste Services/Environmental Recycle Center** – Mike Wegner passed around information on *Solid Waste & Recycling Services, Project Wild Workshop & Hometown Horned Toads Essay Contest*. Mike introduced Bill Brock from Solid Waste to give some proposal to the Board as follows:

- Parks and Wildlife has discontinued the program Hometown Horned Toads Essay contest, but it could possibly be run through the schools for participation on a local scale. It could be modified to a local subject such as recycling beautification or some other name with the environment.
- Training for teachers to earn credits on Project Wild. Teachers can earn up to 6 credits for their participation in this program. If sponsored the cost would be \$125.00 per session for books etc for the class. There are different levels for grades. Third through fifth grade and sixth grade through eighth grade. Teaching the teachers can be on a Saturday with a no waste lunch (all recyclable).

Mike Wegner also reported that since the Solid Waste Ordinance had been passed this summer one of the requirements was that stores put trash cans out in their parking lot. He noticed so far that only Wal-Mart on Southwest Drive had done this. He stated that there had been some cleanups this past month. Mike stated that he had received information on a solar powered trash can that he would present to the Downtown Association to see if they would be interested. They are 30-40 gallon size, with side slots on all sides having a "sensor" when the trash can is full it then compacts the trash.

**F. Report from WCTCOG** – Wendy Stovall was absent, no report given.

**G. Sign up for Bingo** – Sign-up for Bingo for August with one slot to be filled and September.

**H. Bingo Presentation** – **Richard Bunkley, Littlefield Corporation** spoke of Ambler Bingo closing for repairs to re-open in September. The temporary bingo hall will be housed on South Barrow Street. Remodeling will start in August and open with new staff and management. He hopes to license new charities by September 1<sup>st</sup>. He indicated that even though attendance was down he felt like the new charities will do okay. He spoke of a better marketing plan such as having cash door prizes on Sunday's and having a giant neon projector for the bingo numbers along with having monthly charity meetings. The lease would renew automatically from month to month. To join the new Hall the letter outlines: \$400.00 per session except for August at no charge, and half of \$400.00 until remodeling is finished. \$10,000 guarantee per year profit. Same lease, new Accountant. Sessions run from 7-8:30 pm and late starting at 9:30 pm.

**I. Coordinator's Report** – Jill Flores showed the board the new volunteer t-shirts. Reported on Adopt-A-Spot success. She unveiled the Cigarette Litter Prevention Campaign slogan/posters. The mum sale will be September 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Abilene Garden Club.

**Item VI:** Next Meeting – The next meeting will be September 5, 2007.

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