

**KEEP ABILENE BEAUTIFUL
BOARD MEETING
March 4, 2009
Spano's Italian Cafe**

OFFICERS PRESENT

Carolyn Cockerell
MaryAnn Martin
Malcolm Bramlett

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Alice Brown	Tara Castille	Rod Cates	Martin Garcia	Wade Grissom
Jerry Harris	Stephanie Kraly	Doug Hodel	Dede Morris	Janet Smith

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Mary Perkins	Sheila Richardson	JoAnn Sczech
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GUESTS

Emily Hardegree	Jennifer Brawley	Jennifer Nichols
Jennifer Prulhiere	Davy Daniel	Brittany Pelletz

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Jill Flores, KAB Coordinator
Mary Beth Kilgore, TXDOT
Theresa James, City Attorney's Office
Ledessa White, AISD
Raymond Grothaus, BFI/Allied Waste
Wendy Stovall, WCTCOG
Melissa Sturdivant, Taylor Co. Extension Office

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT

Jon James, Planning & Development Services
Donna Albus, KTB
Larry Gilley, City Manager

SUPPORT MEMBERS PRESENT

Jim Winward, Public Works
Mike Wegner, Solid Waste Services
Priscilla Templeton, Community Enhancement Division
Bob Cheatham, Parks

Item I: **Call to Order.** Carolyn Cockerell called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

Item II: **Approval of Minutes.** *Doug Hodel moved to approve the February minutes. Malcolm Bramlett seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

Item III: **Treasurer's Report.** Malcolm Bramlett gave the January Treasurer's Report as follows:

General Operating Account	Checks Written/Cost	Deposits
Balance		
\$43,919.77	\$7,505.33	\$0
More Green in Abilene	Checks Written/Cost	Deposits
Balance		
\$2,650.00	\$0	\$2,650.00

Approval of Treasurer's Report. *Rod Cates 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 of skunk mascot name** – The voting board members were given a slip of paper to mark one vote out of the name nominations. The votes were tallied and the winning skunk name is Pepé ReNew! *A motion to approve the winning name of Pepé ReNew was made by Malcolm Bramlett and seconded by Jerry Harris.*
- B. Discussion and Possible Approval of funds for skunk squeezies** – MaryAnn Martin showed the group a sample skunk squeezie and the personalization with the new name and Keep Abilene Beautiful on the tail of the small skunk. The price per squeezie is \$2.13 with a \$44.00 setup charge for each side. *A motion to approve funds to purchase 1,000 skunk squeezies was made by Stephanie Kraly and seconded by MaryAnn Martin.*
- C. Discussion and Possible Approval of funds for t-shirts for City of Abilene Employee Picnic Committee** – item was tabled.
- D. Discussion and Possible Approval of funds for canvas bag art project at the City of Abilene Employee Picnic** – Jill Flores stated the picnic's theme, "Spring Bling ~ It's a Family Thing", and it's coordination with Earth Day. Mo Parker, a city employee and artist, would like to setup a table for kids to paint their own bags with an Earth Day design and be able to take the bag with them. Jill proposes 100 5 oz totes at \$1.19 each. *A motion to approve funds to purchase 100 canvas totes was made by MaryAnn Martin and seconded by Jerry Harris.*
- E. Discussion and Possible Approval of funds for KAB Pineapple Award** – Jill Flores stated the idea of awarding businesses and commercial properties a monthly or quarterly pineapple award to applaud them on maintaining their property and beautifying it. The pineapple is a symbol of hospitality and welcome. The board would like for the Coordinator to prepare procedures on how the pineapple is awarded and bring it back to the KAB Directors for discussion and possible approval.
- F. Discussion and Possible Approval of funds for beautification at Gypsy Ted's Student Art Gallery at McMurry** – Jill Flores introduced Jennifer Nichols, from McMurry, and her student gallery manager Jennifer Prulhiere. There is a TASA (Texas Association of Schools of Art) at the end of March and student artist from all over Texas will be meeting in Abilene and viewing a show at the Gypsy Ted Art Gallery. They would like KAB to donate \$500 for Xeriscape plants. Jennifer Nichols had received 3 bids on her landscape plan and the lowest cost for plants was at Garden World. All the work will be done by students and McMurry grounds staff and they will also do long term maintenance. Currently there is no landscaping. *A motion to approve funds up to \$500 was made by Doug Hodel and seconded by Dede Morris. The motion carried 7 in favor and 6 opposed.*
- G. Discussion and Possible Approval of proposed agreement between KAB and City of Abilene** – Theresa James did an overview of the agreement and explained each item. She stated that the agreement will need to be approved by the City Council. This agreement needed to be in place before changes were made to KAB Bylaws. *A motion to approve the agreement was made by Malcolm Bramlett and seconded by Rod Cates.*

Item V: Non-Action Items

- A. KAB Business Award Nominations, due March 27th** – Jill Flores stated the applications are due Friday March 27th for all 3 business awards and challenges each board member to turn in one application.
- B. Skunk Appearances\Scheduling** – MaryAnn Martin stated the skunk was going to Dyess Elementary today to announce they were the winner and if there are other appearances that need to be made by Pepé ReNew just let her and Jill know.
- C. Bingo Operator Training** – Malcolm Bramlett stated that the 8 hours of training needs to be completed online and handed out a sheet with information.
- D. Don't Mess With Texas Trash-Off, April 4th** – Jill Flores reminded everyone about the date and meeting place.
- E. Spring Clean, April 16th-18th** – Jill Flores reminded everyone about the date.

- F. Report from Abilene Downtown Association** – Carolyn Cockerell stated the Association is trying to find ideas on how to beautify and manage the trash downtown.
- G. Report from Adopt-A-Highway** – n/a
- H. Report from Extension Office** – Melissa Sturdivant stated there is a plant sale next month with 20 to 25 native plants. Also, there is an educational program discussing “Firewise” landscaping.
- I. Report from WCTCOG** – n/a
- J. Report from AISD** – The next Keep AISD Beautiful meeting is March 23rd at the ERC.
- K. Report from Solid Waste Services** – Spring Clean April 16th – 18th.

Item VI: Next Meeting – The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 6, 2009, Location TBA.

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