

**KEEP ABILENE BEAUTIFUL
BOARD MEETING
November 4, 2009
Abilene Country Club/Wine Room**

OFFICERS PRESENT

MaryAnn Martin Martin Garcia
Malcolm Bramlett

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Tara Castille Alice (Brown) Bull Rod Cates Stephanie Kraly
JoAnn Sczech Janet Smith Dede Morris
Doug Hodel Wade Grissom Carolyn Cockerell

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Jerry Harris Sheila Richardson Wade Grissom

COMMUNITY PARTNERS PRESENT

Melissa Sturdivant, Taylor County Extension
Donna Albus, KTB
Ledessa White, AISD

ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT

Priscilla Templeton, Community Enhancement Division Jon James, Planning & Development Services
Leonard Neith, SWS/ERC Theresa James, City Attorney's Office
Jim Winward, Public Works

COMMUNITY PARTNERS/ADVISORY MEMBERS ABSENT

Larry Gilley, City Manager Melissa Sturdivant, Taylor County Ext.
Raymond Grothaus, BFI Bob Cheatham, Parks
Wendy Stovall, WCTCOG Mary Beth Kilgore TXDOT

Guests:

Councilman Robert Briley Johnnie Cockerell, Sam's Club Jennifer Brawley, AISD
Sarah Kieschnick, Abilene Zoo Karen Rutledge, Sam's Club Megan Santee, Public Works
Brent McClellan, Stormwater Mr. Bull

Item I: **Call to Order.** MaryAnn Martin called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Councilman Briley addressed the board letting them know that the City Council is appreciative of all their efforts. MaryAnn welcomed all the guests. Additionally, it was announced that May 15th would be the first official "**Greenfest**" to showcase what Abilene is doing to address the environment. This would serve in lieu of the Business After Hours where the community was recognized for their contribution to keeping Abilene beautiful. Everyone was given the announcement and asked to write suggestions on the back for ways to make the day special and bring them to the retreat. The board was asked about having a couple of meetings in the evening to allow for public participation. This would be discussed at the board retreat. The next two meetings will be held at the MCM Elegante/Fontana Room.

Item II: **Approval of Minutes.** *Malcolm Bramlett made the motion to approve October minutes; Tara Castille seconded and the motion carried unanimously.*

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

General Operating Account	Checks Written/Cost	Deposits
Balance		
\$27,199.90	\$668.80	\$2,149.95
More Green in Abilene	Checks Written/Cost	Deposits
Balance		
\$2,650.00	\$0	\$0

Approval of Treasurer's Report. *Martin Garcia made the motion to accept the treasurer's report for audit. Rod Cates seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

Item IV: Action Items

- A. Nomination and Election of Secretary** – Mary Ann Martin asked for nominations for Secretary. Dede Morris was nominated. This would mean she would be the Secretary/Parliamentarian. *Stephanie Kraly made the motion to approve the nomination of Dede Morris as Secretary/Parliamentarian; Malcolm Bramlett seconded it and the nomination passed unanimously. Dede accepted the position.*
- B. Possible Approval of Funds for Board Retreat** – MaryAnn Martin reminded everyone the board retreat is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10th from 6:00-8:00pm at One AISD Center funds would be needed for dinner. *Doug Hodel made the motion to approve up to \$250 for food, Dede Morris seconded it and the motion carried unanimously.*
- C. Review of By-Laws** – Theresa James reviewed the changes to the By-Laws one more time as they have now been approved by the City Council. The number of board members is reduced from 17 to 13, the number of hours needed is 6 per quarter (24 per year), the terms begin October 1st and last for 3 years and the Board of Directors & Ex-Officio has been changed to Board Members, Community Partners and Advisory Members. Advisory Members will be city employees, Community Partners and Advisory Members have no voting ability. The Secretary and Parliamentarian positions are new; all positions must be held by board members.
- D. Discussion of Interim Coordinator Duties** – Jon James stated when this item was placed on agenda he was originally going to discuss the interim status for the coordinator; however, since then budgetary issues within the City will now allow us the option to create a new position under Public Works/Stormwater Division; the job description has recently been finalized and will be posted at the city within the next 2 weeks. Priscilla will remain as the Interim Coordinator until the position is filled. Megan Santee and Brent McClellan addressed the board explaining the moving of the position will be a much better fit and benefit everyone. Brent will work with Priscilla to transition the functions of the coordinator.

Item V: Non-Action Items

- A. Coordinator's Report** – Priscilla Templeton reminded everyone to be sure to sign in, log their volunteer hours for last month and sign up for Artwalk (Nov. & Dec), work on the float for Christmas Parade and work the booth at the City Sidewalks and Christmas Parade. We have a new Adopt-A-Spot group; Cub Pack #260, they will work Antilley Road/Twin Oaks to Buffalo Gap. Discussion took place regarding the need to get the signs up and work on the publicity later. Priscilla informed the Board that Something From Nothing winners have received their prize money. Sean Young, the winner for the past three years send a Thank You card to KAB.
- B. Report from Adopt-A-Highway** –No report.
- C. Report from Extension Office** – Nothing to report.
- D. Report from WCTCOG** – No report.
- Report from AISD** – Ledessa White reported next Monday is the last meeting for 2009 for Keep AISD Beautiful, thank you everyone who attended the last meeting. The kids are really enjoying the visits from PePe.

- E. Report from Solid Waste Services** – Leonard Neith presented the Board a check in the amount of \$97.30 from the phone book recycling project. Discussion took place regarding whether or not KAB would participate in the Business Expo this year, KAB has shared the \$500 cost with Solid Waste in the past. The group wanted to participate in the Home & Garden show (\$225), so this will be discussed at the retreat next week.
- F. Report on KTB** – Donna Albus reported on her recent Keep Texas Beautiful meeting. They too are review and updating their by-laws. The Keep Texas Beautiful Volunteer of the Month is Leonard Neith; Donna read the submission outlining all of Leonard’s contributions and everyone thank him for his dedication to service to the community. She also discussed the importance of the GCAA award and reminded everyone to keep up the good work.

Item VI: Next Meeting – The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 2, 2009, Location: MCM Elegante/Fontana Room.

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