

**KEEP ABILENE BEAUTIFUL  
BOARD MEETING  
May 5, 2010  
Amanda's Restaurant**

**OFFICERS PRESENT**

MaryAnn Martin  
Malcolm Bramlett  
Martin Garcia

**OFFICERS ABSENT**

Dede Morris

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Stephanie Kraly  
Alice Brown Bull  
JoAnn Sczech  
Doug Hodel  
Tara Castille  
Wade Grissom  
Carolyn Cockerell

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

N/A

**ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT**

Theresa James, City Attorney's Office  
Jon James, Planning & Development  
Leonard Neith, Environmental Recycling Ctr.  
James Winward, Public Works  
Alexis Rolfe, KAB Coordinator

**COMMUNITY PARTNERS PRESENT**

Mary Beth Kilgore, TXDOT  
Donna Albus, KTB

**COMMUNITY PARTNERS/ADVISORY MEMBERS ABSENT**

Larry Gilley, City Manager  
Brent McClellan, Stormwater Services  
Megan Santee, Public Works  
Wendy Patterson, WCTCOG  
Ledessa White, AISD  
Melissa Strudivant, Taylor Co. Extension Office  
Ray Grothaus, Allied Waste

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Richard Bull  
Steve Castille  
Amanda Lumly

**Item I:**        **Call to Order.** MaryAnn Martin called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

**Item II:**        **Approval of Minutes.** *Stephanie Kraly moved to approve the Minutes of the April 7, 2010, meeting with one correction - Sara Kieschnick was present at this meeting and not listed as so. Martin Garcia seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

**Item III:**        **Treasurer's Report.** Malcolm Bralmett, Treasurer, provided a Treasurer's Report as of 05/05/10. Report is as follows for April 2010 activity:

<b>General Operating Account</b>	<b>Checks Written/Cost</b>	<b>Deposits</b>
<b>Balance</b>		
\$24,937.94	\$3648.56	\$1,540.00
<b>More Green in Abilene</b>		
<b>Balance</b>		
\$1,110.00	N/A	\$350.00

Ms. Kraly asked if a brief description or breakdown could be provided regarding deposits such as provided for checks written.

Malcolm Bramlett stated that he had also received two checks at this meeting: \$2000 check for Project Re-Directory and a \$250 check from Sam's Club. This information will be included in next month's Treasurer's Report.

**Approval of Treasurer's Report:** *Stephanie Kraly made the motion to accept the treasurer's report. Martin Garcia seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

**Item IV: Action Items**

- A. Approval of funds (\$240.00) for crepe myrtle's (30) -** originally purchased for Safety City with monies donated by KAB. Lawn King needs to move the merchandise. Ms. Martin stated that the crepe myrtles were purchased for landscaping at Safety City; however, it was discovered after the fact that the plants could not be utilized at Safety City. Mr. King is requesting that KAB purchase the crepe myrtles from him at cost (\$8 per plant). Stephanie Kraly volunteered to purchase the 10 crepe myrtles (\$100). The remaining 20 crepe myrtles were approved to be purchased by KAB. Several Board members expressed an interest in purchasing the remaining crepe myrtle plants as well as selling them at Greenfest. Board members were asked to email Alexis if they were interested in purchasing a crepe myrtle plant (red, pink and white plants are available). Donna Albus recommended that a concept plan be submitted in future prior to committing funds for a project.
- B. Discussion and possible action of Adopt-A-Spot signs being purchased by KAB -** Theresa James, Assistant City Attorney for the City of Abilene, stated that there seems to be no written agreement between the City of Abilene and Keep Abilene Beautiful as to payment for these signs. Malcolm thought he recalled a verbal agreement. Ms. James stated The Constitution prevents the City from using City funds to support a private enterprise. Since KAB is a non profit, we cannot give them funds outside an agreement approved by Council. Alexis Rolfe stated that the signs are in the City's sign shop, groups have been contacted, and locations for placement of the signs have been identified. The signs should be installed soon but the City must be reimbursed for the signs since KAB is a nonprofit 501(c) (3) organization. Ms. Kraly asked what the cost for each sign would be. Following discussion and the need for additional information, Ms. Kraly moved that this item be tabled. Mr. Garcia seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**Item V: Non-Action Items**

- A. Coordinator's Report—** Alexis Rolfe  
Project Re-directory is wrapping up and has been a very successful campaign. Teachers have

requested a longer timeframe next year. Greenfest will be held on Saturday, May 15, 2010. Ms. Martin stated that this event is being held to celebrate the efforts of the citizens of Abilene in recycling, beautification and water conservation. Ms. Albus asked when a meeting would be held to determine the winners of the three categories. Ms. Martin stated that the KAB Executive Committee had met and determined the recipients of the Donna Albus Beautification Award, the Dean Adams Recycling Award and the Mayor's Water Conservation Award. Ms. Albus expressed disappointment that she was not notified of the meeting to select the award recipients.

- B. Report from Adopt-A-Highway**—Mary Beth Kilgore - No Report
- C. Report from Extension Office**—No report
- D. Report from WCTCOG**—no report
- E. Report from AISD**—Ledessa White/MaryAnn Martin - Ms. Martin reiterated the need to begin Project Re-Directory earlier next year.
- F. Report from Solid Waste Services**—Jim Winward/Leonard Neith - No Report
- G. Keep Texas Beautiful**—Donna Albus - Ms. Albus urged the KAB board members to register for the KTB Conference - June 21-24 in Austin, TX.

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

The next meeting will be held Wednesday June 2, 2010 at noon at Sam's Club.