

**KEEP ABILENE BEAUTIFUL
BOARD MEETING
July 14, 2010
Golden Corral Restaurant**

OFFICERS PRESENT

MaryAnn Martin
Malcolm Bramlett
Martin Garcia
Dede Morris

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Carolyn Cockerell

ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT

Jim Winward, Solid Waste
Andrea Jackson, Legal
Alexis Rolfe, KAB Coordinator

COMMUNITY PARTNERS PRESENT

Donna Albus, KTB
Ray Grothaus, Allied Waste
Davy Daniel, Allied Waste
Mary Beth Kilgore, TXDOT

COMMUNITY PARTNERS/ADVISORY MEMBERS ABSENT

Larry Gilley, City Manager
Melissa Strudivant, Taylor Co. Extension Office
Brent McClellan, Storm water Services
Megan Santee, Public Works
Jon James, Planning and Development
Theresa James, Legal
Wendy Patterson, WCTCOG

GUESTS PRESENT:

Richard Bull, Alice Bull's Husband
Zack Jackson, Community member and former volunteer for Keep Denton Beautiful

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

Item II: **Approval of Minutes.** *Malcolm Barnett made the motion to approve the June minutes; no discussion from Board members, Stephanie Kraly seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

Item III: **Treasurer’s Report.** Malcolm Bramlett, Treasurer, provided a Treasurer’s Report as of 07/14/10 to MaryAnn Martin, report is as follows for June 2010 activity:

General Operating Account	Checks Written/Cost	Deposits
Balance		
\$24,359.23	\$5255.98	\$613.20
More Green in Abilene	Checks Written/Cost	Deposits
Balance		
\$0	\$0	\$0

Approval of Treasurer’s Report: *Doug Hodel made the motion to accept the treasurer’s report; Alice Bull seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

Item IV: Action Items

A. Possible approval of funds to purchase lawn care items to maintain the Buffalo Gap Road Recycling Center: Martin Garcia brought this item up for discussion because KAB Board members had adopted this spot and it is in terrible shape. The discussion was that we needed a weed eater, weed sprayer, etc. to keep the spot maintained. *Stephanie Kraly made a motion to spend up to \$250.00 on the lawn care items; Tara Castille seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

Item V: Non-Action Items

- A. Coordinator’s Report**— Alexis Rolfe, KAB Coordinator, reported on several events she had scheduled or was working on. First, the clean up of the Buffalo Gap Recycling Center was scheduled for Saturday July 20, 2010 at 8:00 am and she solicited volunteers to sign up to help. She also reported that the Primetime Expo Booth had been rescheduled for the fall, it was originally scheduled for July 14th. Alexis also needed Board members to volunteer to complete this year’s Litter Index; it was scheduled for Sunday afternoon, July 18th at 1:30 pm. She also reported that we needed to complete a cigarette litter scan in downtown and several Board members volunteered to assist with that. It will take place on July 21, 2010 at 1:30 pm. Alexis also reported that our KAB website was extremely out of date and asked for discussion on how we wanted it maintained. She reported that it was costing KAB several hundred dollars a year to hire someone to do the work. She will check with the City IT Department to see if they can offer her some training so she can update it herself. She will report on that at next Board meeting. The final item that Alexis brought up was the cost for the Adopt-A-Spot signs that we must purchase from the City of Abilene. The primary signs cost about \$35.00 each and one line secondary signs are an additional \$25.00 with the next two lines costing \$10.00 more. There are currently 12 primary signs posted at Adopt-A-Spot Locations. She also has 8 secondary signs for groups who are no longer active. She will email the Board members a list of all the active and inactive groups. There will be 4 billboards around town shortly to advertise the program and hopefully generate a lot of new participation.
- B. Report from Adopt-A-Highway**—Mary Beth Kilgore reported that the Abilene areas would be mowed 3 times a year instead of 2.
- C. Report from Extension Office**—No report
- D. Report from WCTCOG**—No report
- E. Report from AISD**—MaryAnn Martin reported that she hasn’t met with Dr. Burns yet to discuss a replacement for Ledessa White but reported that she would.

- F. Report from Solid Waste Services**—Jim Winward reported that they were interviewing to fill the vacant position left by Leonard Neith and hoped to have someone in place soon. He also reported that the new grinder they had ordered to chip tree limbs had come in.
- G. Keep Texas Beautiful**—Donna Albus let everyone know what a success the KTB conference was and even though enrollment was down it was a great conference. The KTB website will have a photo gallery published of all the pictures taken at the conference and she encouraged us all to check them out. She also reminded us about the KTB ornaments and that Board Members could purchase them at cost, \$15.00. Her final item to discuss was the recommendation that the Board consider a membership drive for KAB as a fundraiser.

Item VI. Adjournment – With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m. Next meeting will be Wednesday August 4, 2010 at Seafood Tavern.