

**KEEP ABILENE BEAUTIFUL
BOARD MEETING
April 6, 2011
Cotton Patch Restaurant**

OFFICERS PRESENT

Martin Garcia, President
Stephanie Kraly, President Elect
Malcolm Bramlett, Treasurer
Dede Morris, Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mary Ann Martin
Tara Castille
Carolyn Cockerell
Alice Bull
Jo Ann Sczech

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Doug Hodel
Zachary Johnson
Raymond Grothaus

ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT

Brent McClellan, Stormwater Services
Jon James, Community Development
Theresa James, Legal

COMMUNITY PARTNERS/ADVISORY MEMBERS ABSENT

GUESTS PRESENT:

Richard Bull
Steve Castille
Richard Rolison
Briana Jimenez
Rachel Beck
Haleigh Davis
Jordan Martin

Item I: **Call to Order.** Martin Garcia, President, called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. Numerous guests attend the April board meeting and were introduced to the Board.

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

Item III: **Treasurer's Report.** Malcolm Bramlett, Treasurer, presented Treasurer's Report as of 04/06/11 to President Martin Garcia. Report is as follows:

General Operating Account	Checks Written/Cost	Deposits
Balance		

\$28, 848.25	\$75.00	\$678.00
More Green in Abilene	Checks Written/Cost	Deposits
Balance		
\$0	\$0	\$0

Approval of Treasurer’s Report: *Dede Morris made the motion to accept the treasurer’s report; Tara Castille seconded the motion; no discussion from Board members and the motion carried unanimously.*

Item IV: Action Items

- A. President Martin Garcia discussed Keep Abilene Beautiful sponsoring the April Business after Hours event scheduled for April 21, 211 at the Hilton Garden Inn from 5:30 pm-7:30 pm. Stephanie Kraly made a motion to approve up to \$350.00 to sponsor this event; the motion was seconded by Dede Morris and with no discussion from the board, the motion carried unanimously. Martin Garcia reported that the Abilene Chamber had already sent out invitations and encouraged all Board members to attend the event.

Item V: Non-Action Items

- A. **Coordinator’s Report**—Alexis Rolfe, KAB Coordinator, was not in attendance but Brent McClellan reported in her absence. Brent reported that the Texas Trash off event went very well and reminded everyone that Spring Clean was the upcoming weekend; sign-up sheets for volunteers were passed around. Brent also reminded everyone that Earth Day and Zoolute was this coming weekend as well. Brent also informed the Board that first round interviews had been completed for the Coordinator position and the applicant pool narrowed to 3 candidates. Final interviews are scheduled for later this week and President Martin Garcia would be sitting in to assist with the selection.
- B. **Report from Adopt-A-Highway**—Mary Beth Kilgore reported that only 11 groups participated in the Keep Texas Beautiful Trash Off. Mary Beth indicated that the number of groups participating declines each year.
- C. **Report from Extension Office**—No report
- D. **Report from WCTCOG**—No report
- E. **Report from AISD**—No report
- F. **Report from Solid Waste Services**—No report
- G. **Keep Texas Beautiful**—Donna Albus was in attendance and gave her input regarding the Coordinator position. She believes that this position must be filled with someone passionate that does not just work 8-5 and will be available to work nights and weekends to represent Keep Abilene Beautiful at all events. She also wanted the Board to remember that it is a “working board” and that full participation by all members is necessary and important. Donna wants everyone to be passionate about the environment and remember that our job is to educate and be stewards to the mission of Keep Abilene Beautiful. Donna indicated that she is certain that Abilene can win the Governor’s Award next year with everyone doing their part to make it happen.

Item VI: Adjournment – With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 01:00 p.m. Next meeting will be Wednesday May 4, 2011; meeting place TBD.