

**KEEP ABILENE BEAUTIFUL
BOARD MEETING
May 10, 2011
Abilene City Hall**

OFFICERS PRESENT

Martin Garcia, President
Stephanie Kraly, President Elect
Dede Morris, Secretary

Officers Absent

Malcolm Bramlett, Treasurer

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Doug Hodel
Carolyn Cockerell
Alice Bull
Jo Ann Szech
Raymond Grothaus

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Tara Castille
Zachary Johnson
Maryann Martin

ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT

COMMUNITY PARTNERS/ADVISORY MEMBERS ABSENT

GUESTS PRESENT:

Richard Bull

Item I: **Call to Order.** Martin Garcia, President, called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Mr. Garcia addressed the Board and advised that this meeting was being held to discuss several items that had come up that needed to be voted on.

Item II: **Approval of Minutes.** *Approval of the minutes from today's meeting, as well as, the meeting held earlier in May will be approved at the June Board meeting.*

Item III: **Treasurer's Report.** Malcolm Bramlett, Treasurer, was absent from this meeting and no Treasurer's Report was available. A report for May transactions will be presented at the June meeting.

Item IV: Action Items

- A. President Martin Garcia presented the applications for the annual awards. Mr. Garcia reported that the Executive Board had met the previous day to go over the applications and made the following recommendations: \$650.00 to be awarded to Cooper High School Recycle Program. Cooper's application was the only one received for the Project Recycle Award. Cooper has continued since 2008 with a strong recycling program and their "Green Team" has continued to visit classrooms weekly to collect recyclables. Since the inception of the program, they have contributed 39.34 tons

of paper, 50 tons of cardboard and hundreds of 50-gallon bags of plastic to the Environmental Recycling Center of Abilene. Doug Hodel, KAB Board member, made the motion to grant a \$650.00 award to Cooper High School and their recycle program. Stephanie Kraly seconded the motion; it was voted on and passed unanimously. The second award, the Janet Parkey Environmental School Award, received two applications, one from Clack Middle School and one from Jackson Elementary. After review, the Executive Board made the recommendation to award \$500.00 to Clack Middle School who currently already has a recycling program and would use the funds to expand it to composting recycled food from the cafeteria to be used around campus landscaping. They are also extending a landscaping project to beautify their school in hopes of creating an appealing, peaceful school environment, as well as, attracting butterflies. Doug Hodel made a motion to grant \$500.00 to Clack Middle School; Alice Bull seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- B. Mr. Garcia also presented two other requests, one from Woodson Head Start School who requested our assistance to help beautify their historical building. There was Board discussion that since no specific requests was made; we needed to contact them for more information. Stephanie Kraly made a motion to table the action item pending further information; Jo Ann Szech seconded it and that motion also carried unanimously. Mr. Garcia indicated that he would call Ms. Craver who submitted the request for Woodson and discuss what her specific requests are and how we can assist her in beautifying this historic Abilene building or help her in finding resources.
- C. The second request was from Mann Middle School requesting funds in the amount of \$2,210.00 to assist with a Courtyard Pergola Project. The Board discussed the request. Stephanie Kraly made the motion to deny the request since it was a construction project; Dede Morris seconded the motion, it carried unanimously. Mr. Garcia will notify them that their request has been denied.
- D. The final action item was to approve funds for three Keep Abilene Beautiful Board members and the Keep Abilene Beautiful Coordinator to attend the annual Keep Texas Beautiful conference in June 2011. The KAB Coordinator had estimated for the 4 individuals to attend the amount of \$2,900.00 would be needed for their registration to the conference and their hotel rooms. Doug Hodel made a motion to approve \$2,900.00 to fund the 4 individuals to attend the KTB conference to represent KAB. Ray Grothaus seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Item V: Non-Action Items

- A. **Coordinator's Report**— No report
- B. **Report from Adopt-A-Highway**—No report
- 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**—No report

Item VI: Adjournment – With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 05:05 p.m. Next meeting will be Wednesday June 1, 2011, meeting place TBD.