

**KEEP ABILENE BEAUTIFUL
BOARD MEETING
November 2, 2011
Seafood Tavern**

OFFICERS PRESENT

Stephanie Kraly, President
Ray Grothaus, President Elect

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Doug Hodel
Alice Bull
Martin Garcia
Tara Castille

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Carolyn Cockerell
Malcolm Bramlett

ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT

Theresa James
Jon James
Brent McClellan
Bob Ervin

COMMUNITY PARTNERS/ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT

MaryBeth Kilgore

GUESTS PRESENT:

Richard Bull
Terry Kraly
Karen Rutledge

Item I: **Call to Order.** Stephanie Kraly, President, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Item II: **Approval of Minutes.** Board meeting minutes from the October Board meeting were presented to the Board for their approval. Minutes were reviewed. Alice pointed out that the budget was off but no budget was presented at the previous meeting. Ray Grothaus made the motion to accept the minutes with the change to the General Operating Account Balance, Martin Garcia seconded the motion and through a show of hands the motion passed unanimously.

Item III: **Treasurer's Report.** Malcolm Bramlett, Treasurer was unable to attend. Nicole Eaves reported that the past budget reports would be reviewed and provided at the December meeting. No report available for November.

General Operating Account	Checks Written/Cost	Deposits
\$Not Available		
General Operating Account		
\$Not Available		

Item IV: **Action Items:**

A. No Action Items- Martin Garcia was introduced as our new Parliamentarian.

Item V: Non-Action Items:

A. Board Member Positions - DeDe Morris has informed us of her resignation as a KAB Board Member. The City Secretary's office has received several applications for our open board positions.

B. Update on KAB Audit- On behalf of Malcolm, Nicole has informed us the audit will be complete by the next board meeting and the report will be available for our review.

C. Coordinator's Reports- Review of the KAB calendar. Next event is the Christmas Lane at the Abilene State School. Volunteers are needed for the event. Martin Garcia has volunteered to be the chairman for this event. Malcolm and Ray will assist.

Trash Off will take place in April 14th and Stephanie Kraly and Ray Grothaus will be co-chairman's for this event. Dyess Open House will take place April 28th and there was discussion on what was done in the past. Doug Hodel volunteered to be the chairman of this event. Spring clean will take place April 12th-14th. There needs to be a decision on when our awards banquet will take place since we aren't able to do it as a "Business After Hours Event". There was discussion of moving the date to March or May. We decided to check with the Chamber and ask if we can co sponsor the "Business After Hours" with the party that has the May reservation.

Crape Myrtle sale discussion regarding when we want to hold the sales and where we are going to purchase the plants since the company we formerly purchased from is no longer in business. Plans for the end of March for the sale and purchase the plants possibly from Gardens Southwest.

Gratitude was given by Stephanie for all the work the Nicole has been putting into Keep Abilene Beautiful.

C. Community Partners Reports- Bob Ervin reported The Fall Clean Event was a success with providing free service to 1016 customers and they took in 1600 tires. There were less customers but more tires collected from prior years. There was rain on the final day that may have slowed some of the traffic on the final day. The popular item that was given away during the event was the Florescent bulbs. Jon James informed us that there could be another round of stimulus that would provide additional bulbs to be given away at future events.

Stephanie asked if the City would bring a truck of bag mulch that could be sold at our crape myrtle events with the proceeds going back to the City.

Martin Garcia discussed the Adopt-A-Campus and how Cooper has gotten excited and already received 150 volunteers for the event. He gave a summary of what the Adopt-A-Campus program entails. He also explained how he received an "honorary check" from Keep America Beautiful and how he purchased food for a family in need at the time and how fortunate he was to receive the check at that time.

No report from TXDOT- Mary Beth Kilgore

Item VI: _Adjournment – With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m. Next meeting will be held December 7, 2011 at 12:00 noon at an undecided location.

Raymond Grothaus

Stephanie Kraly, President