

**MINUTES OF THE  
KEEP ABILENE BEAUTIFUL BOARD  
May 2, 2012  
Abilene City Hall – Basement Conference Room**

**OFFICERS PRESENT**

Stephanie Kraly, President  
E'Lisa Smetana, Secretary

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Tara Castille  
Martin Garcia  
Doug Hodel  
Sarah Strom-Kieschnick

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Ray Grothaus, President Elect  
Rob Bigham  
Carolyn Cockerell  
Corey Ruff

**ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jon James, Planning and Development Services  
Theresa James, Legal Liaison – City Attorney's Office  
David Jorgensen, Solid Waste Services  
Brent McClellan, Stormwater Services

**COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

Darah Waldrip, Texas Department of Transportation

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Eric Mallet  
Priscilla Rayford

**Item I:**       **Call to Order.** Stephanie Kraly, President, called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. Ms. Smetana went through roll call for each member.

**Item II:**       **Approval of Minutes.** Discussion on the April 4, 2012 meeting minutes was held. Motion to accept minutes as read was made by Mr. Garcia and seconded by Mr. Hodel.

*Through roll call, motion carried unanimously.*

**Item III:**       **Approval of Treasurer's Report.** Ms. Kraly presented an updated Treasurer's report for March 2012 and an updated Master Budget from October 1, 2011 thru September 30, 2012. Ms. Kraly stated that the current balance with outstanding shows the checks written but not cleared at the bank (asterisk by the check number). Ms. Kraly asked for a change in the minutes to reflect the bank account balance. Discussion was held regarding the financials and

budget. Discussion was held over the cost of the storage rental and possible ideas to move to another facility in the future.

<b>General Operating Account Balance as of 03/01/2012</b>	<b>\$37,941.47</b>
<b>Deposits</b>	Interest \$1.65
<b>Expenditures/Checks Written</b> * checks outstanding	*Ck. # 2211 \$150, Ck. #2209 \$300, *Ck. #2212 \$85.02, *Ck. #2213 \$300
<b>General Operating Account Balance as of 03/31/2012</b>	<b>\$ 37,641.47</b>
<b>Current Bank Account Balance as of 03/31/2012</b>	<b>\$ 37,643.12</b>
<b>Current Balance with Outstanding Checks as of 03/31/2012</b>	<b>\$ 37,108.10</b>

Ms. Smetana made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented and seconded by Mr. Garcia.

*Through roll call, motion carried unanimously.*

**Item IV: Action Items:**

- A. Discussion and Possible Approval of Pepe appearance at the Abilene Zoo on May 19th.** – Ms. Kraly presented the request by Ms. Ronda Hillis, Vice-President of the Abilene Zoological Society, for Pepe to make an appearance from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> for the Zoolute to Dyess. This is a free event to honor approximately 3,000 Dyess members and families who will visit the zoo. Discussion was held on the event and a possible volunteer to wear the suit or to allow the Zoological Society to borrow the Pepe suit. Motion to approval Pepe’s appearance at the Abilene Zoo on May 19<sup>th</sup> was made by Mr. Hodel and seconded by Ms. Strom-Kieschnick. Ms. Kraly stated that if no volunteer can be found the Zoological Society will sign a waiver to wear the suit.

*Through roll call, motion carried unanimously.*

- B. Discussion and Possible Approval of donating trash bags and grabbers for the Mayor’s Hike on May 5th** – Ms. Kraly discussed the request by Mayor Norm Archibald for 120 trash bags and grabbers for the Mayor’s Hike along the banks of Cedar Creek from SE. 11<sup>th</sup> heading north to N. 7<sup>th</sup> to Stevenson Park and then back along the same route to the origin on Cedar Creek. Discussion was held on this item. A motion to approve the request for 120 trash bags and grabbers was made by Mr. Hodel and seconded by Ms. Smetana.

*Through roll call, motion carried unanimously.*

- C. Discussion and Possible Approval of funds for the Keep Texas Beautiful Conference** – Ms. Kraly discussed the upcoming Keep Texas Beautiful Conference at the Westin Hotels and Resorts and the importance of board members attending this. Mr. Garcia would be able to attend this event. The cost would be \$572.64 for hotels, taxes, parking (3 nights) and conference fee of \$260 for a total of \$832.64. Ms. Smetana made a motion to approve Mr. Garcia representing Keep Abilene Beautiful at the Keep Texas Beautiful Conference for a cost of \$572.64 for the hotel and \$260 for the conference fee which totals \$832.64 and Mr. Hodel seconded this motion.

*Through roll call, motion carried with Mr. Garcia abstaining.*

**Item V: Non-Action Items:**

**A. President's Report - Stephanie Kraly**

Ms. Kraly thanked everyone for their help at the Trash-Off event. The event was successful with good board participation and community interest. Ms. Kraly thanked the Solid Waste Department for their help and the Keep Abilene Beautiful Board for their support at the Dyess Open House. Ms. Kraly talked about the new Keep Abilene Beautiful information cards designed by Mr. Hodel that were given out at the Dyess Open House. She stated that the cards were available on the back table for the board members to take to give to citizens and encouraged members to do so. Ms. Kraly discussed the financial audit that is underway for Keep Abilene Beautiful. She stated that the audit is going well.

**B. Coordinator's Reports - Nicole Eaves, KAB coordinator**

Ms. Eaves discussed Project Redirectory that wrapped up on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Six schools (Austin, Long, Dyess, Johnston, Bassetti Elementary and Craig Middle School) participated with a collection of 5,652 phone books. AT&T donated \$250 total for awards for those participants so each school will be awarded equally and they can use it to plant a tree or have a pizza party. Ms. Eaves discussed the Texas Trash-Off Event that had 170 volunteers not including Hendricks Hospital and Abilene Regional who had their own volunteers that day. Rough estimate of bags was 1,800 pounds of trash collected. The group with the highest participants (44 volunteers) was Bandag so we will be designing a plaque for them showcasing the largest group. The Mayor's Hike is Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> and volunteers are needed to help with the event.

**C. Committee Reports –**

None at this time.

**D. Community Partners Reports –**

Ms. Waldrip from the Texas Department of Transportation discussed the Adopt-a-Highway event that occurred along with the Texas Trash-Off. They had approximately 300 volunteers that day. Ms. Kraly thanked Ms. Waldrip for partnering with Keep Abilene Beautiful for these events.

**Item VI:** **Adjournment** – With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:38 p.m. Next meeting will be held on June 6, 2012 at 12 noon in the Abilene City Hall in the Basement Conference Room.

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E'Lisa Smetana, Secretary

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Stephanie Kraly, President