

**MINUTES OF THE  
KEEP ABILENE BEAUTIFUL BOARD  
November 2, 2016  
Abilene City Hall – Basement Conference Room**

**OFFICERS PRESENT**

Martin Garcia, President  
Sylvia Holcomb, President Elect  
Gayla Fullerton, Treasurer  
Scott Kilmer, Secretary

**OFFICERS ABSENT**

None

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Shane Johnson  
E'Lisa Smetana

**BOARD MEMBERS TARDY**

Elizabeth McAnally

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Elyse Lewis

**KEEP ABILENE BEAUTIFUL STAFF**

Nicole Eaves, KAB Coordinator

**ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT**

Srini Valavala, Stormwater

**COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

Joe LeBlanc, TxDOT

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Tara Young

**Item I:**           **Call to Order.** - Mr. Garcia called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. A quorum of Board members was present.

**Item II:**           **Consent Agenda.**

- 1. Approval of Minutes – Approval of minutes from September 2016 regular meeting at the Abilene City Hall – Basement Conference Room**
- 2. Approval of Treasurer's Reports from September 2016**

Updated financial reports, provided by Mr. Johnson, were included in the packets for October 2016. A summary of those are listed below.

KAB General Account

<b>Current Bank Account Balance</b>	<b>\$43,137.08</b>
<b>Deposits *outstanding</b>	<b>\$0.54 Interest \$712.53 Republic Services, Inc.</b>
<b>Expenditures/Checks Written</b> * checks outstanding	<b>\$6000.00 Grants and Awards (30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Trees); \$813.75 Insurance; \$129.90 Marketing (Banner)</b>
<b>Current Bank Account Balance</b> (as of Month End)	<b>\$36,906.50</b>
<b>Current Bank Account Balance</b> (w/Outstandings ***as of Month End)	<b>\$36,906.50</b>

*A motion was made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mrs. Fullerton to approve the consent agenda. Through roll call, the motion carried unanimously.*

**Item III:      Action Items**

- A. Austin Elementary Tower Garden – Ms. Tara Young presented that their organization hopes to work with Keep Abilene Beautiful to fund the Austin garden. The board’s discussion called for Ms. Young to provide additional insight into the

Mr. Johnson made a motion to table the discussion, seconded by Ms. Smetana. The motion carried unanimously

**Item IV:      Non-Action Items**

- A. The Governor’s Community Achievement Award – Ms. Eaves presented the following events and articles that highlight Abilene’s efforts worth of notation:
  - a. 30 years of KAB as published in the Abilene Reporter News
  - b. Fall Clean & Tire Amnesty Days (Oct 8-10)
  - c. Kirby Lake Cleanup (Oct
  - d. Beltway Cleanup in the Stephenson Park area
  - e. Heritage Park Cleanup
  - f. First Presbyterian Church standing gardens, reported by Mr. Johnson

B. Committee Reports:

- a. Fundraising – the committee has reached out to Donna Albus to explore the idea of reviving the crape myrtle sale. After a brief discussion, the board has affirmed the idea and agreed to support the committee’s continued discovery of the project
- b. Events – the committee was not able to meet this month. Mr. Johnson mentioned that he is working to connect with a property owner for a future event venue. The committee members agreed to set a meeting for next week (via email).

c. Executive Committee – No report.

C. Coordinator's Report – Ms. Eaves presented the following updates:

- a. Litter free business invoices will go out in November
- b. The Donna Reiff recognition celebration is potentially shifting. As the weather turns cooler, Ms. Albus is targeting a City Council and School Board
- c. Kirby Lake Cleanup collected 1,160 pounds of litter and 20 tires
- d. Enviroscape Table has been added to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum in AISD and Ms. Eaves will be at Wylie junior high on Thursday and Friday doing the presentation with all students.

D. Community Partners Reports – Mr. Joe LeBlanc introduced Debra (Debbie) Dutscke as the new Adopt-A-Highway

- a. Mr. Srimi Valavala announced that he City of Abilene has approved an 18% increase in Stormwater fees.
- b. The north 2<sup>nd</sup> and south 2<sup>nd</sup> grid were swept by the contractor. The result was the collection of 45 cubic yards of debris.

**Item V:** **Adjournment** – With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:41. The next meeting will be held on December 7, 2016 at 12 noon in the Abilene City Hall in the Basement Conference Room.

  
Scott Kilmer, Secretary

  
Martin Garcia, President