

**MINUTES OF THE
KEEP ABILENE BEAUTIFUL BOARD
January 4, 2017
Abilene City Hall – Basement Conference Room**

OFFICERS PRESENT

Martin Garcia, President
Sylvia Holcomb, President Elect
Scott Kilmer, Secretary

OFFICERS ABSENT

Gayla Fullerton, Treasurer

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Elyse Lewis
Elizabeth McAnally

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Shane Johnson
E'Lisa Smetana

KEEP ABILENE BEAUTIFUL STAFF

Nicole Eaves, KAB Coordinator

ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT

Srini Valavala, City of Abilene Stormwater Services

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Joe LeBlanc, Texas Department of Transportation

GUESTS PRESENT

Tara Young, Community Member

Item I: **Call to Order.** Mr. Garcia called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. A quorum of Board members was present.

Item II: **Consent Agenda.**

- 1) Approval of Minutes – Approval of minutes from the December 2016 regular meeting
- 2) Approval of Treasurer's Reports from December 2016

Updated financial reports, provided by Ms. Fullerton were included in the packets for December 2016. A summary of those are listed below.

KAB General Account

Current Bank Account Balance (as of December 1, 2016)	\$ 37,600.48
Deposits *outstanding	Interest: \$0.64 Republic: \$712.53
Expenditures/Checks Written * checks outstanding	Storage Rent \$540.00
Current Bank Account Balance (as of Month End)	\$37,773.65
Current Bank Account Balance (w/Outstanding ***as of Month End)	\$37,773.65

A motion was made by Mrs. Lewis and seconded by Ms. Holcomb to approve the consent agenda. Through roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

Item III: Action Items

- A. Austin Elementary Grant Request (Tabled at the November & December Meeting)

Community member, Tara Young, reported that Austin has agreed to cover the freight and shipping. Total request is \$983.95. The gardening club has also submitted a grant request of \$500 to Annie's Gardens, but that grant is not announced until February, 2017.

Ms. Holcomb motioned to fund the full \$983.95, seconded by Mrs. McAnally. The motion carried unanimously.

- B. Request for Mulch

The original request from First Central Presbyterian Church was abandoned. No action item is needed at this time.

Mr. Kilmer made a motion that we take no action at this time. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lewis. The motion carried unanimously.

- C. Don't Mess with Texas Trash-off date change to April 1st
The original date was set for April 22nd but the Chamber of Commerce requested partnership in a downtown focused clean up. However, the Chamber has an event previously scheduled for the 22nd.

Mrs. Lewis made a motion to move the DMwT Trash-Off event to April 1, 2017. The motion was seconded by Ms. Holcomb. The motion was carried unanimously.

- D. KAB Awards – KAB Recycling Award and Mayor's Sustainable City Award
The board discussed the nominees for both awards.

Motion made by Mr. Kilmer, seconded by Mrs. Lewis to award the KAB Recycling Award to Bird Thomas and the Center for Contemporary Arts. Additionally, the motion was made to award the Mayor's Sustainable City Award to the Abilene Zoo and Conservation Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

Non-Action Items

- A. The Governor's Community Achievement Award
- a. Elyse & Elizabeth have agreed to review this year's report.
 - b. No additional programs were identified
- B. Committee Reports
- Fundraising Committee – Discussion on fundraising ideas
 - Nothing to report
 - Event Committee – Update on 2016 – 2017 events
 - Shane to introduce Nicole to Tim Smith
 - Executive Committee – No Report
- C. Coordinator's Report
- Existing Program Updates
 - Keep AISD Beautiful – meeting at 11 a.m. on Thursday, January 5th.
 - Initial planning for 2017-18 school year
 - KTB will recognize Project Re-Directory as a project to share across their network
 - 2017 Litter Free Business sponsorships are now available.
 - Community Involvement Requests

D. Community Partners Reports and Advisory Members

TxDot is working on the GCAA information request and will return this week. Nicole commented that Odis Dalton is the head of Community Initiatives work with the City and has asked that the board consider partnering to accept project funds on behalf of their initiatives. Projects include:

- House painting for dilapidated homes
- Alleyway cleanups

E. Award Nominees

- Tim Smith's remodeling project will be moved to 2017 consideration due to project still in process.

Item V: **Adjournment** – With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:54 p.m. The next meeting will be held on **February 1, 2017** at 12 noon in the Abilene City Hall in the Basement Conference Room.



Scott Kilmer, Secretary



Martin Garcia, President