

**MINUTES OF THE
KEEP ABILENE BEAUTIFUL BOARD
April 5, 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

E'Lisa Smetana
Elizabeth McAnally

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Elyse Lewis
Brandon McAuliffe
Ashton Anderson

KEEP ABILENE BEAUTIFUL STAFF

Nicole Eaves, KAB Coordinator

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Joe LeBlanc, Texas Department of Transportation

GUESTS PRESENT

Susana Lubanga, International Rescue Committee

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 – Minutes were unavailable as Mr. Kilmer was behind in providing notes of the meeting.
- 2) Approval of Treasurer's Reports from March 2017

Current Bank Account Balance (as of March 1, 2017)	\$ 38,182.22
Deposits *outstanding	Interest: \$ 35 Deposit #42 \$524.00; Square \$680.74; Republic \$748.71; Deposit #49 \$330.00
Expenditures/Checks Written * checks outstanding	#2368 The Mill \$100; 2369 Smetana (Food Reimbursement) \$347.24; 2370 Craft Design \$37.00; 2371 ACOC \$175.00; 2372 KAB \$300.00; 2374 Photo Booth \$250.00; 2377 Harbor Freight \$570.00
Current Bank Account Balance (as of Month End)	\$38,377.18
Current Bank Account Balance (w/Outstanding ***as of Month End)	\$38,377.18

A motion was made by Mr. McAuliffe and seconded by Mr. Kilmer to table the consent agenda. Through roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

Item III: Action Items

A. International Rescue Committee (IRC) grant application

Community members associated with the IRC, lead by Susana Lubanga, have requested \$350 to create community garden to fund tools and seeds for starting the garden.

- A motion was made by Ms. Holcomb to fund \$250 for sprouted and seed plants, and was seconded by Mr. AcAuliffe.
- The motion passed unanimously

B. Keep Texas Beautiful

Each year the board considers sending interest board members to the Keep Texas Beautiful conference. This year the board has agreed to cover the following expenses:

- a. Conference tuition for board members

- A motion was made by Mr. Kilmer to approve these expenses and seconded by Mrs. McAnally.
- The motion passed unanimously

C. AHS Grant request

A request was made by Abilene High School to purchase a branded tower garden, similar to requests received by other organizations.

- The board discussed the longevity of this program and the potential risk of continuing to award grants at a high value, with the concern that more requests will come.
- Board members discussed the options to pursue alternative sources for tower gardens.
- A motion was made by Mr. McAuliffe to table this discussion until the next meeting, seconded by Mr. Garcia
- The motion passed unanimously.

Non-Action Items

A. Coordinator's Report

- a. Lee elementary has started their campus wide Litter Free zone program.
- b. Rain barrel give away at the ERC was well received, 50 barrels were distributed in less than 2 hours.
- c. Keep AISD Beautiful with host a "Campus Crawl" to kick off the KTB Trash Off week.
- d. 251 volunteers cleaned 15 areas around Abilene, including downtown
 - i. over 75 volunteers were youth
 - ii. 83 tires, 3 tons of trash were collected
- e. Spring Clean and Tire Amnesty Day will be April 7 – 8 at the ERC

Item V: **Adjournment** – With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:51 p.m. The next meeting will be held on **May 3, 2017** at 12 noon in the Abilene City Hall in the Basement Conference Room.



Scott Kilmer, Secretary



Martin Garcia, President