

Keep Abilene Beautiful Meeting Minutes

August 9, 2023

Members Present: Chase Robertson, Melissa Morris, Beth Woodcock, Deborah Williams, Pebbles Lee, Steve Stovall, Akane Thaxton and Aida Pantoja.

Advisory Members (City employees):

Max Johnson , Srini Valavala, Jennifer Pacheco and Michael Rice.

Call to Order: Akane Thaxton called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm.

Public Comments: Akane Thaxton announced an opportunity to comment on any agenda items. No Members of the public requested to make a public comment.

Minutes: Reviewed and Approved the minutes from June 2023 by Pebbles Lee and seconded by Aida Pantoja. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Received a Report on the 3rd Quarter financials by Chase Robertson.

Agenda items:

Discussion: Hold a Discussion on Agenda items for the 2023 Annual Board Retreat.

The Annual Board Retreat will occur on August 19th, from 8 a.m. to noon, at 174 Cypress St.

- We will work on a strategic plan for the next year.
- Officers elections.
- Review the Committees.
- Annual activities.
- Expectations of new Board members.

Discussion: Hold a discussion on the future Governance options of Keep Abilene Beautiful:

(Jennifer Pacheco, Max Johnson, and Srini Valavala were asked to leave the room. The Board had a private meeting with Michael Rice.)

Michael Rice told us we would be freer if we were no longer part of the City.

- We will have more opportunities.
- We will not need to have a City Attorney at our meetings.
- We will make our own decisions.
- Keep 501 C status.

Adjournment: at 5:11 pm

Aida Pantoja, Secretary

Akane Thaxton, President