

Friends of Safety City Board Meeting Minutes
Law Enforcement Center
May 12, 2011

Attendance:

Yvonne Batts	Brad Wilson	Ken Poyner	MaryAnn Martin	Tony Lassiter
Laura Moore	Evan Harris	James Young	Tracy Gates	Tom McAlister
Chief Ken Dozier	Jennifer Stuckey			

Yvonne Batts called the meeting to order @ 4:03.

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The minutes of the March 12 meeting were reviewed. Ken Poyner moved to approve the minutes, 2nd by Laura Moore; all approved; motion passed.

Financial Report

Evan Harris presented the Financial Report through March 29, 2011. The ending balance as of May 12, 2011 was \$19,619.29. There were no questions regarding report. The report was filed.

Brad Wilson handed Yvonne Batts several checks (donations). Yvonne asked Evan Harris to send copies of the checks to President and Mary Ann so thank you letters may be sent.

Yvonne read a thank you letter from Gary Hamner who retired from that Abilene Fire Department. Mr. Hamner's official retirement ceremony was held May 25, 2011.

Donations – Grants - Fundraising

1. A Fire Prevention Grant that was submitted by Gary Hamner was discussed. The Board previously approved the \$2000 matching grant. A white board was purchased for the Police Education Center.
2. Sponsorships on Mini Structures: Fees increased across the board - \$500. CBS/Senter Insurance was invoiced. No responses were received by the following businesses and second invoices have been mailed to the following:
 - a. Allied Waste – Yvonne is going to visit
 - b. Area Council PTA – Change of Board and new president will be presented with the \$250 invoice.
 - c. Elmwood Baptist Church – The church is unable to pay \$500.
 - d. Metro Care – Unable to commit until they find out if the Fire Dept. is taking over the business.

Signage

Brad Wilson presented estimates for The Melvin Martin Center for Children's Safety sign, via handouts. The specific sign was selected due to entrance and safety details which will cost approximately \$5000. School Resource Officers will be completing some of the work on the sign. The sign is high and will not obstruct the pumping unit. Sheila at Fast Signs is creating a design for the Melvin Martin sign which will be presented at the next board meeting. An iron fence costing approximately \$1,000 was factored into the design. A sign, similar to the historical marker on S. 4th and Oak, will indicate The Martin Center's history. Sign placements may change depending on where the Melvin Martin sign will be.

Plaques

There will be additional signs recognizing oil donors and community contributors. Level Plaque and Oil Plaque will be side by side inside building. Not too many signs are wanted throughout the facility. Estimates for markers recognizing the Jaycees and John and Paula Beall will be available at June 9 meeting.

Paving

Also presented were costs and specific details regarding asphalt for the parking lot. A \$29,000 bid was received just to pave the parking lot to the north and behind the Police Education Center and Fire Safety House. Tom McAlister will have better numbers at the June 9 meeting. Brad also mentioned that millings for the parking lot could be purchased at \$2000 and volunteers will spread free. Yvonne asked if plans needed to be approved by City. No permits are needed and milling is good for about 2 years.

Awning – \$2,300

Brad asked the board to consider funding an awning that will help with distractions of students eating and riding while visiting The Martin Center for Children's Safety. School Resource Officer's (SRO's) will build the awning while work at the Martin Center in June. Luran made a motion to approve the Awning/Building; 2nd by Ken Poyner; all approved; motion passed.

Fish Pond

The fish pond has become very costly to maintain. It was recommended that the pond be covered. SRO's will cover the labor, remove cement and dispose of properly. Laura Moore made a motion to remove the pond; 2nd by Evan Harris; all approved; motion passes. The board also allowed additional funds not to exceed \$700 to dispose of cement accordingly.

MaryAnn moved to adjourn; 2nd by Evan; all agreed; motion to adjourn passed. Meeting adjourned @ 5:13.