



City of Abilene

Keep Abilene Beautiful Board Agenda

Notice is hereby given of a meeting of Keep Abilene Beautiful of the City of Abilene to be held on April 10, 2024, at 4:00 PM at City Hall, Basement Conference Room, 555 Walnut, Abilene, Texas, for the purpose of considering the following agenda items.

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Comments on Any Item on the Agenda

MINUTES

1. **Minutes:** Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Minutes from the Regular Meeting Held on March 13, 2024

AGENDA ITEMS

2. **Discussion & Possible Action:** Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Possible Action on the KAB Coordinator Purchasing Procedures
3. **Presentation & Possible Action:** Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Possible Action on Keep Abilene Beautiful Bylaws
4. **Discussion & Possible Action:** Receive a Report and Hold a Discussion on the Future Governance Options of KAB Including Any Updates and Next Steps

COORDINATOR'S UPDATE

5. **Presentation:** Receive a Report and Hold a Discussion on Upcoming Events for Spring & Summer 2024

COMMITTEE REPORTS

6. **Presentation:** Receive a Report and Hold a Discussion on the Grant Committee Meetings
7. **Presentation:** Receive a Report and Hold a Discussion on the Events, Marketing, and Education Committee Meetings

ADJOURNMENT

Notice

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should be received forty-eight (48) hours prior to scheduled meetings. Please contact the City Secretary's Office at 325-676-6208. Telecommunication device for the deaf is 325-676-6360.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the above meeting notice was posted on the bulletin board at the City Hall of the City of Abilene, Texas, on the 5th day of April, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

Shawna Atkinson, City Secretary

**Keep Abilene Beautiful
Board Meeting Minutes
March 13th, 2024**

Members Present: Melissa Morris, Jane Tomlinson, Akane Thaxton, Deborah Williams, Amy Martin and Aida Pantoja.

Advisory Members (City employees):

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

Call to Order: Akane Thaxton called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm.

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

Minutes: Reviewed and Approved from February 14th, 2024. The motion was made by Melissa Morris and seconded by Amy Martin. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Receive a report, hold a discussion, and take action on the quarterly financial report. No discussion; Beth Woodcock was not present at the meeting.

Agenda items

Possible Action: Receive a report, hold a discussion, and take possible action on future governance options for KAB. Kelly Messer reported pdf copies of old documents are being scanned and retyped for review.

Action: Receive a report and hold a discussion on participation in the Community Foundation of Abilene's annual Abilene Gives Day 2024. Jane Tomlinson made a motion to approve the participation on Abilene Gives Day, seconded by Amy Martin. Motion carried. Melissa Morris will work on this event.

Action: Receive a report, Hold a discussion, and take action on an Abilene Preservation League project & donation. Michael Rice described the process and timeline anticipated for the project proposed. After this discussion, Melissa Morris made a motion to support the project with a cleanup downtown prior to the Railroad festival in September and to reimburse the APL the cost of paint supplies up to \$1,000 for the restoration and graffiti removal on the Head House. Amy Martin seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Coordinator's Update

Discussion: Receive a report and hold a discussion on completed and upcoming events. We will have three events on April 20th: the Kite Festival, a cleanup at Lake Kirby Park, and an Adopt-A-Spot cleanup around AHS.

Discussion: Receive a report and hold a discussion on program updates and achievements. We will celebrate Earth Day with cleanups and provide supplies to various organizations.

Committee Reports

Discussion: Receive a report and Hold a discussion on the Events, Marketing, and Education Committee. On April 11th, we will help the Grace Museum with the Earth Family Festival.

Discussion: Receive a report and Hold a discussion on the Grant Committee. No report.

Discussion: Receive a report and Hold a discussion on the Executive Committee We are discussing the next steps for the future of KAB.

Adjournment: At 5:16 pm.

Keep Abilene Beautiful

*Upcoming Events**

April Events

April 2 to 30 - The Grace Museum Earth Month, Cultural Heritage Exhibition
April 10 - Keep Abilene Beautiful Board Meeting
April 11 - The Grace Earth Month Festival
April 13 - Community Cleanup Champions: AISD Middle School Students, Location: TBD
April 13 - Community Cleanup Champions: Dyess AFB at Lake Kirby
April 19 to 20 - Tire Amnesty Days for Earth Day at the Environmental Recycling Center
April 20 - Love Your Earth Kite Festival at Red Bud Park with Abilene Parks & Rec & KAB
April 20 - Community Cleanup Champions: Earth Day Cleanup at Lake Kirby
April 20 - Earth Day Adopt-A-Spot Quarterly Cleanups
April 24 - Community Cleanup Champions: Wildcats for Sustainability Club, Location: TBD
April 24 - Keep Abilene Beautiful Board Member Training
April 27 - Community Cleanup Champions: Elm Creek Meadows at Chapel Hill Road and surrounding neighborhood

May Events

May 3 - Community Cleanup Champions: Parkhill, Location: TBD
May 8 - Keep Abilene Beautiful Board Meeting
May 23 - Keep Abilene Beautiful Board Member Training

June Events

June 3 to 8 - Coca-Cola Sustainability Week, Cleanup TBD
June 12 - Keep Abilene Beautiful Board Meeting
June 15 - Clean & Proud Neighborhood Initiative at Stevenson Park
June 24 to 26 - Keep Texas Beautiful Annual Conference: Virtual Event

* More events are added as they are scheduled and confirmed



GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP



KEEPING TEXAS COMMUNITIES BEAUTIFUL  TOGETHER



Earth Month: Cultural Heritage Exhibition 2024

Tuesday, April 2, 2024 10:00 AM -
Tuesday, April 30, 2024 5:00 PM
The Grace Museum
102 Cypress Street Abilene, TX 79601

Earth Month is dedicated to educating the community about environmental issues, offering climate solutions, and promoting our Earth's care and sustainability. This exhibition highlights Texas history related to environmental improvements, as well as local efforts spearheaded by groups like Keep Abilene Beautiful and Master Gardeners of Abilene.



Photo Courtesy of Keep Abilene Beautiful



Grace Museum Earth Month Family Festival	
Thursday, April 11, 2024	
Reading Time	Volunteer
5:00 - 5:30 PM	Akane Thaxton
5:30 - 6:00 PM	
6:00 - 6:30 PM	Melissa Morris
6:30 - 7:00 PM	Pebbles Lee
7:00 - 7:30 PM	
Notes:	
You will be reading a book about litter, conservation, or stewardship to young children.	

Love Your Earth Kite Fest

Fly, dance, & let the wind take you to Red Bud Park for Love Your Earth Kite Fest! The City of Abilene's Park & Recreation Department, in partnership with Keep Abilene Beautiful, is hosting a fun-filled Saturday. We will have some kites available to check out and use.

Details:

- **Date:** Saturday, April 20h, 2024
- **Time:** 10:00 AM
- **Location:** Red Bud Park
- **FREE!** No registration needed.
- **Ages:** All Ages





EARTH DAY ABILENE 2024



PLANET VS PLASTICS

COMMUNITY CLEAN UP EVENT



Recycle the present, save the future.

**10am -
1pm**



**KIRBY LAKE
PARK**

KEEP ABILENE BEAUTIFUL

FIND OUR EVENT ON FACEBOOK FOR UPDATES!

Adopt-A-Spot Cleanups

Date: Saturday, April 20

Time: _____

Location: Mockingbird Street

Parking: In front of the Adopt-A-Spot sign at the Missions parking lot.



Keep Abilene Beautiful EARTH DAY: ADOPT-A-SPOT CLEANUPS

HEY ADOPT-A-SPOT GROUPS, IT'S TIME TO COMPLETE YOUR QUARTERLY CLEANUP!



APRIL 20, 2024

NOW TAKING RESERVATIONS FOR:

- TRASH BAGS
- GLOVES
- TRASH GRABBERS
- & MORE!

FREE



RESERVE YOUR SUPPLIES NOW! EMAIL KEEPABILENEBEAUTIFUL@ABILENETX.GOV



Keep Abilene Beautiful

BOARD MEMBER TRAINING

Wednesday, April 24 • 3:30 pm • KAB Conference Room, The Armory

	Name
1	Pebbles Lee
2	Amy Martin
3	
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Thursday, May 23 • 12 pm • KAB Conference Room, The Armory

	Name
1	Aida Pantoja
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* Do we need to add more options?

KEEP TEXAS BEAUTIFUL

57th Annual Conference, 2024



A Conference For All Texans

The Keep Texas Beautiful Conference is the primary statewide educational event for community leaders to network, gain knowledge on environmental issues and litter prevention, and recognize community excellence.

Overview:

The KTB Conference provides connections to others working in the field and high-quality professional development for KTB community partners (staff and volunteers), government staff, elected officials, and industry leaders.

Our goals for the KTB conference are to:

- Celebrate and recognize the achievements of youth and community leaders (of all ages), civic groups, businesses, and governments.
- Offer an array of educational sessions that relay pertinent, innovative approaches to community beautification, waste reduction, and litter prevention to those looking to improve their surroundings.
- Provide unparalleled networking opportunities and exciting presentations from knowledgeable experts and those with a passion for community improvement and the environment.

Schedule At A Glance:

Please note: Schedule and session topics are tentative and subject to change.

Monday, June 24, 2024

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. EXPO HALL OPEN
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Welcome & Keynote Speaker
9:35 a.m. - 10:35 a.m. BREAKOUT SESSION
10:35 a.m.- 10:45 a.m. BREAK
10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. BREAKOUT SESSION
11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. DATABASE PRESENTATION/CLOSING REMARKS

Tuesday, June 25, 2024

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. EXPO HALL OPEN
8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. AFFILIATE RECOGNITION
9:15 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. NETWORKING
10:00 a.m.- 10:10 a.m. BREAK
10:10 a.m. - 11:10 a.m. BREAKOUT SESSIONS
11:10 a.m. - 11:20 a.m. BREAK
11:20 a.m. - 12:20 p.m. BREAKOUT SESSIONS
12:20 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. CLOSING REMARKS/ REMINDERS FOR TOMORROW

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. EXPO HALL OPEN
8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. BTA Winners Presentation
9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. PANEL- BTA WINNERS SPOTLIGHT
10:15 a.m.- 10:25 a.m. BREAK
10:25 a.m. - 11:25 a.m. PANEL
11:25 a.m. - 12:25 a.m. BREAKOUT SESSIONS
12:25 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. CLOSING REMARKS/ THANKS FOR ATTENDING

Cost:

Early Bird Registration (\$125.00 per person)

Full Registration with a discounted rate until April 22nd at 11:45 p.m. Includes access to all virtual sessions.

Conference 2024 T-Shirt (\$20 ea)

Order by April 22 for delivery prior to the start of the conference. T-Shirt pricing includes sales tax and shipping. Please be sure to include a valid shipping address so we can ensure you receive your order.

