

KEEP DENISON BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION MINUTES
DENISON CITY HALL
500 West Chestnut Street
Denison, TX 75020
March 18, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Scully, Carole Linsteadt, Judy Donahue, JoAnn Perkins, Richard McGowan, Vicki Thompson, Gina Campione, Helen Johnson, Johnny McShan
ABSENT: Paula Ljunkull
EX-OFFICIOS: Tom Speakman
GUESTS: Cheryl Green

1. Call to Order – President Scully called the meeting to order at 12:10PM
2. Minutes - Motion to accept the Feb. minutes with a correction on the number of KDB Recycling billboards was to be changed from 3 to 4, was made by Vicki Thompson, seconded by Judy Donahue and passed. Mike Scully reported that Dan Long will step down from the Commission, but would like to work with Johnny McShan on the Yard of the Month. In response to the budget correction showing his CLPP money, Mike stated that he had found a sign maker and was looking into making, No Butt, signs similar to a Plano sign for no cigarettes, or smaller oval signs. He is also considering signs for planters saying, Don't Flip.
3. Financial Report - Motion to accept the Feb. Financial report was made by Helen Johnson, seconded by JoAnn Perkins and passed. Judy Donahue presented and reviewed the 2007 – 2008 Budget Report for March .
4. Expenses to be Considered – None
Committee Reports

Beautification – A memo was handed out to members showing the list of names considering participating in the Gateway Project . Tom Speakman reviewed which names would definitely participate: A-Alpha Self Storage- general cleanup. Pets Etc. Grooming, parking spots, El Pueblo Café-redo roof, paint, Choice Motors-new flags & paint building, Dub's Appliance-upgrade, Mining Camp-awning add, He said that one business had started on the work, and that 2 others on the list would be improved by removing a green bus, and a painting and cleanup at the trailer park. Carole Linsteadt took over the report by asking the commission if it was willing to continue the project from Sept to Nov. Discussion followed resulting in President Scully summarizing the discussion that the commission wants to continue on the next third of Armstrong, and asks the DDA to put up money again, and asks the City, if necessary, to advance the next \$3000 of 2008-2009 KDB Beautification budget. Carole will report these statements to the City Council in May. She felt the City Council might want the commission to work on other areas of the city. A suggestion was made to ask the City Council to talk with the business owners on Armstrong and show their support for the project.

The report ended with discussion regarding the state of the KDB landscaping at the Denison Police Station. Carole Linsteadt and Vicki Thompson will make a short list of things needing to be done which Tom and Mike can take to the City of Denison.

Music on Main – No Report

Recycling and Solid Waste – Richard McGowan reported that there is a steady increase in recycling. There have been 37 Grayson Co residents who have used the recycling centers since Jan. Richard will be writing for a grant from Coca Cola for can/plastic bottle recycling bins for Denison events. The Recycling Committee will meet with Tom to discuss the city's willingness to set up, collect for recycling and take down the bins at the events.

Education – Judy Donahue reported that the Recycling Committee continues to work with the Arts Council on the May Art Show. The committee is providing the money for prizes and will be at the presentation ceremony.

Code Enforcement/Cleanup – Judy Donahue reported that she will be contacting the Adopt-An-Area participants to participate in the April Texas Cleanup. KDB will do its cleanup on Sat., April 26, 8:30AM

Public Awareness – JoAnn Perkins reported that she will assist Carole Linsteadt with the media and reports to the Herald Democrat regarding the Gateway Project. Also, she is available to help with Music on Main. She hopes that the City will help on problems that the businesses have expressed to KDB members during their interviews for Project Gateway. Discussion had taken place regarding the problems the businesses expressed and what to do about them. Tom Speakman explained to the commission, the business owners should write or call the city and not just complain to KDB. President Scully suggested that the city needs an ombudsman.

OLD BUSINESS - None.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05pm

Respectfully submitted,

Judith D. Donahue, Secretary of Keep Denison Beautiful.