

KEEP DENISON BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION MINUTES
DENISON CITY HALL
500 West Chestnut Street
Denison, TX 75020
April 15, 2008

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

1. Call to Order – In the absence of President Scully and Vice President Carole Linsteadt, Secretary Judy Donahue called the meeting to order at 12:03PM.

2. Minutes - Motion to accept the March minutes was made by Helen Johnson, seconded by Richard McGowan, and passed.

3. Financial Report - Motion to accept the March Financial report was made by Helen Johnson, seconded by Richard McGowan and passed. Judy Donahue presented and reviewed the 2007 – 2008 Budget Report for April. Judy asked the committee chairs to meet with their committees before the May meeting to decide on their programs for fiscal 2008-2009 and to report on the amount of money their committee needs for that fiscal year. Judy Donahue will write a memo to the City Council requesting \$6000. This increase will reflect the designated \$3000 for Beautification and the Gateway Project. This will mean that the remaining \$3000 can be used by the other committees. The \$2000 this year, after the Gateway money, did not go very far for Recycling, Education, Public Awareness and Code Enforcement/Litter.

Judy Donahue introduced Sylvia Mitchell to the Commission as a prospective member. Sylvia explained that she is a rental property owner and is very interested in the city's image. Judy Donahue added that Sylvia has beautiful gardens and the commission should visit her gardens. The City Council will vote on Sylvia's membership the 21st of April.

4. Expenses to be Considered – None

Committee Reports

Beautification –Richard McGowan reported that the Master Gardeners will hold a plant sale in Sherman on April 26th and there will be a Garden Tour on May 6 for \$5.00. The tour will include 2 home gardens in Denison, 2 in Sherman and the Eisenhower Birthplace gardens. There are many Earthkind roses to be seen. Tom Speakman, reporting on the Gateway Project, said that none of the 10 businesses participating in the Gateway Project have started their work. The third letter, thanking the participants for joining the project and reminding them to turn in their invoices for the matching grant of up to \$2000 was sent. The letter also reminded the participants to inform Tom Speakman when they need the before picture taken.

Music on Main – Helen Johnson reported that KDB will not have to set up a table or be at the musical events. Fans will be handed out that say I'm a Fan of Music Main on the front and recycling information on the back. Richard McGowan asked the fans be made of recycled material or be able to be recycled.

Recycling and Solid Waste – Richard McGowan reported on the DPA Art Contest including the KDB collage contest representing the themes of Respect Our Planet, Recycle, or Recycle, You'll Like It, that there were 250 K-6 entries which is a great success in getting the word out about recycling. Richard passed out signup sheets to work on May 12 & 13 hanging pictures and after the judging hanging the winning entries. Also, KDB is invited to the 5pm reception May 14 at Chase Bank where the pictures will be displayed. Mike Scully will present the KDB awards at the reception.

Education – Judy Donahue reported that she is coordinating with Janet Brown, Board Member of Boys and Girls Club of Denison to put on the Trash Art Contest. Similar to last year, Janet will enter the Trash Art figures in the Denison County Fair. Judy mentioned that the Commission needs a planning session for fiscal year 2008-2009. The Commission decided to have the planning meeting May 19, 2008 at 5-6pm in the regular meeting area. Committee Chairs are asked to present their projects for 2008-2009 and submit their budget requests at the planning session. These budget requests will make up the 2008-2009 to be submitted to City Council in June. Tom Speakman will try to get someone from KTB to participate in the training meeting.

Code Enforcement/Cleanup – Judy Donahue reported that she contacted 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 pointed out to the Commission that since the price of gas has gone up so much, more money needed to be appropriated for Johnny McShan's driving to view yards for Yard of the Month. Johnny McShan stated that he will be very organized in his driving this year and asked the Commission for help with nominations. Tom Speakman stated that the 1st cycle water bill will ask Denison recipients to nominate homes and call Tom with the nominations. Helen Johnson made the motion to increase the amount for gas for the Yard of the Month from \$50 to \$100. This was seconded by JoAnn Perkins and passed. It was pointed out the Johnny McShan has not asked to be reimbursed in previous years. JoAnn Perkins reminded the Commission that she is available to help with the media for the Gateway Project.

OLD BUSINESS – Richard McGowan announced that he will receive notification on April 22, 2008, of the results of the Coke Recycling Bins Giveaway

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40pm

Respectfully submitted,

Judith D. Donahue, Secretary of Keep Denison Beautiful.