

MINUTES
KEEP KAUFMAN BEAUTIFUL BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2009 – 6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL, 209 SOUTH WASHINGTON, KAUFMAN, TEXAS

CHAIRMAN	LISA PARKER
VICE CHAIRMAN	JANIS LINDSEY
BOARD MEMBER	LYDIA GARDNER
BOARD MEMBER	MARY RENE CLINE
BOARD MEMBER	LAURA HARRIS-MELTON
BOARD MEMBER	ELAINE MARUSAK
BOARD MEMBER	TERESA GREGG

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER; CHAIRMAN STATES TIME AND DATE; AND DECLARES A QUORUM PRESENT.

Chairman Parker called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Board members present were Lisa Parker, Janis Lindsey, Lydia Gardner, Elaine Marusak, Teresa Gregg and Laura Harris-Melton. Chairman Parker declared a quorum present. Board member Cline arrived at 6:07 p.m. Also present was Administrative Assistant Leslie Malone.

2. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE KEEP KAUFMAN BEAUTIFUL BOARD'S REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2008.

Board Member Harris-Melton made a motion to approve the minutes of the Keep Kaufman Beautiful Board's regular monthly meeting held on Thursday, October 9, 2008. Board Member Gregg seconded the motion. Chairman Parker called for a vote with all members voting AYE the motion passed unanimously.

3. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE KEEP KAUFMAN BEAUTIFUL BOARD'S REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2008.

Board Member Gregg made a motion to approve the minutes of the Keep Kaufman Beautiful Board's regular monthly meeting held on Tuesday, November 25, 2008. Board Member Marusak seconded the motion. Chairman Parker called for a vote with all members voting AYE the motion passed unanimously.

4. CONSIDER THE NEXT RECIPIENT TO RECEIVE THE BOARD'S LETTER OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Board member Lindsey stated concerns that the Keep Kaufman Beautiful Award sign had not been moved in a timely manner and that she had spoken to the editor of the Kaufman Herald, Michael Gresham, and he stated he would be happy to place the award winner's picture in the paper each month. Board member Lindsey stated that she would provide the newspaper with the information each month.

Board member Gregg stated that she would place the sign at the recipient's address after each meeting.

The board agreed to go ahead and place the signs at the addresses for the two previous month's winners before placing one at a new location for the current month.

Chairperson Parker nominated Razzl Dazzl to receive the Board's Letter of Acknowledgment for the month of January citing that although the color of the building may not be everyone's taste, the owner has fixed up the property and appeals to a young demographic.

Board Member Gregg agreed stating that giving the award to local businesses was another positive facet of the award.

Board Member Marusak moved to award the letter of acknowledgement to Razzl Dazzl located at 1207 S. Washington St. Board member Harris-Melton seconded the motion. Chairperson Parker called for a vote. Board members Parker, Gardner, Cline, Harris-Melton, Marusak, and Gregg all voted AYE, while Board member Lindsey voted NAY. The motion carried.

5. DISCUSS ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS FOR 2009 AND DEVELOP A PRIORITY LIST.

Chairperson Parker stated she would like to see Keep Kaufman Beautiful sponsor T-shirts for the kids that participate in the Nash Green Team that recycles paper for Nash Intermediate School.

Board Member Cline stated that she would like to find a program that was aimed at reducing litter along the Washington Street Corridor.

Board Member Lindsey stated that the Kaufman Heritage Society is interested in ideas for projects at the Heritage Society lot on the square. Also, the City Christmas Tree Lighting that took place at the City Courtyard in December attracted a lot of people, but we need some way to

keep people from stepping in the flower beds surrounding the gazebo. Stringing lights from stakes may reduce this problem in the future.

The Board was also interested in the status of the vacant buildings around the square. Administrative Assistant Malone stated that the City is currently doing everything legally possible to see that progress is being made on those buildings.

Board Member Harris-Melton stated that she had found several programs, with the help of Administrative Assistant Malone, which would be beneficial to the community and would help with future applications for the Governor's Community Achievement Awards. The programs included participating in the County-wide clean-up with the Chamber of Commerce, Provide recycling bins for the Fall Festival, Adopt-a-Spot, lighted Christmas Parade, a vegetable garden in conjunction with Kaufman ISD, and the Master Gardener's, and a Christmas tree recycling program.

Board Member Marusak stated that the City Courtyard is a great gathering place.

Board Member Lindsey stated that she would like a sign placed at the Courtyard stating that the City Courtyard is a project sponsored by Keep Kaufman Beautiful.

Board Member Cline stated she would like to see a concert of some sort take place at the Courtyard.

Chairperson Parker stated that she would also like a City-wide recycled art show along with a concert.

Board Member Harris-Melton stated that in the future she would like Keep Kaufman Beautiful to have the resources to help the indigent home owners clean their property.

The Board will prioritize these projects at their next meeting.

6. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER LANDSCAPING AT THE "CITY COURTYARD" 301 S. WASHINGTON STREET.

Board Member Marusak voted to table this item until a priority list of projects is approved by the board at their next meeting. Board member Harris-Melton seconded the motion. Chairperson Parker called for a vote. Board members Parker, Gardner, Cline, Harris-Melton, Marusak, and Gregg all voted AYE, while Board member Lindsey did not respond either aye or nay. The motion carried.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT.

- a. Discuss next meeting date.

Administrative Assistant Malone stated that the Board's next meeting was scheduled for February 17, 2009.

8. ADJOURNMENT.

Chairperson Parker adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Lisa Parker
Chairman

