



**August 13, 2019**  
**Minutes from BOARD OF DIRECTORS Meeting**  
Santa Fe City Hall, 12002 Hwy 6, Santa Fe, TX 77510

In attendance were Stacey Baker, Joe Dickson, Rebecca Wright, board members;  
Mandy Jordan, executive director.

President Stacey Baker called meeting to order at 12:06 pm at the Santa Fe City Hall, Conference Room. Quorum present. The consent agenda was approved as presented; agenda adopted; minutes of June 11 meeting approved along with financial reports as presented.

Executive Director called attention to the last three pages of the board packet with the following specifications:

- List of the financial designations for the therapeutic garden, total \$2902.
- Memorial benches project with balance remaining of \$550. Total was less than expected and remainder has been earmarked for installation of benches or related costs to benches project. Funds collected reflected cost for bench, color, and engraving cost for back of bench with name. Invoice received included one color charge for all ten and the engraver donated its services.
- Financial statement for Earth Day, total profit \$2000. Additional funds will be derived when the remaining t-shirts will be sold (\$750 was used to purchase shirt order).

At lightning speed, voted unanimously to accept nomination of Rebecca Wright as KSFB secretary.

KSFB directors voted to close savings account at Texas First Bank and transfer remaining funds \$193.37 to Texas First Bank checking account as recommended by KSFB treasurer at previous meeting. KSFB President stated bank needs a copy of minutes proving the board approved this action before savings account can be closed. Executive Director will complete action as directed.

KSFB directors voted to add two signatures to the Texas First Bank checking account, Rebecca Martinez and Rebecca Wright, providing all current officers as approved check signers.

#### Discussion Items -- Disclosure Policy

Executive Director recommended the board move towards adopting a Disclosure Policy. She explained that the policy would provide direction for the board for future requests asking for details about financials and operational decisions by KSFB. Her recommendation was driven by the response to a request by Santa Fe City Council for its August 8, 2019, meeting that she attended, as well as Rebecca Wright, board member and development officer. Councilman Fidencio Leija questions asked for a deeper level of information than was provided, and while asking questions cast doubt about the organization's financial integrity. (A transcript of the Council discussion is attached.)

The executive director added that the Santa Fe City Councilman posted comments about KSFB and the Council

meeting on a Facebook site August 9 that included allegations of how local groups had raised money for the bereaved families (of May 18, 2018) and didn't give that money to those families, adding he didn't know if KSFB was one of those organizations, because he didn't have a financial statement.

Members discussed the potential damage to the organization due to the repeated questions and statements from an elected official that the organization lacked credibility and integrity, and how these broadcasted statements potentially have adversely impacted future donors, the reputation of KSFB, its board members and executive director.

The executive director looked into the legalities for future financial requests from a 501(c)3. KSFB only has to provide audited statements and the 990s. She recommended a disclosure policy to state what the organization agrees to provide in the future. Information included would be that the request will be provided in a timely manner such as 30 days, must be received in written notice, the charge for pages, postage, etc. Legally, KSFB provided all required in response to the City's request, although on the Facebook statement, the council member stated he had wanted a monthly, detailed line by line report. However, the city agenda listed a financial report and clarification from the city manager was to provide an accounting of the City's \$15K donation in 2018. The executive director said the organization's bank statements were included as recommended by the KSFB treasurer, because these are vetted sources, not like Quickbooks reports where human error might occur.

A draft of a disclosure policy will be provided at the next board meeting for review. The executive director also suggested the board seek a review from an attorney specializing in non-profit operations for direction.

The board also discussed seeking additional information from the City on what was the policy or guidelines for all groups, organizations, or projects that received money from the City. The concern by members was that other individuals and groups could be subjected to the same type of questioning in a public meeting and having a provided template or procedures to follow to prove accounting of City funds would allow for accountability and transparency as the City expects.

**Financial Review:** The policy was presented and approved at the last board meeting and the treasurer had informed the executive director that the following week, she would begin the process of holding an internal review with two or three financial experts not associated with KSFB. Executive director said she will be working with someone who is an expert with Quickbooks and preparing materials to make sure all is in order before the review.

**Other Discussion** included an item brought to the board by the Executive Director from the City of Santa Fe Mayor, who proposed that the City provide salary for the KSFB executive director who would become a city employee, office at City Hall, manage the operations of the non-profit organization, and also recreational activities. The board believed not enough details were provided to discuss fully. Ms. Wright stated that as a 501-stand alone, the organization can make a great difference in the community and serve as a great partner with the city, but anything in the future working with the city should be in a written agreement to make sure both entities understood the expectations. She gave as an example, due to the actions during the August 8 City Council meeting, that KSFB should learn to ask for specifics when receiving any monetary donations from the City so there would be not misinterpretations. The board appreciated the offer from the Mayor but took no action.

Garden Update: Executive Director continues to ask the engineering company for information on how to proceed with drainage plans in the garden and any details from the State of Texas Department of Transportation. She reminded him that the City Manager has agreed for the City of Santa Fe to complete the drainage plan but needs the details to move forward, and told him that the City Manager has announced an end of the year departure and progress would be smoother if we can complete this segment before he retires.

To seek large sponsorships, she is working on a plan with the development office and landscape architect with designated areas as potential "naming rights" in those areas when Garden is completed. Ms. Wright asked the City Manager and board member Joe Dickson if there was any policy with the City addressing accepting monetary gifts and naming areas on city property with those names as recognition. He said there was not.

Ms. Jordan added that one positive outcome from the recent Council meeting was discussion with Councilmember Bill Pittman, owner of Bilmar, who has agreed to discuss his assistance with providing sidewalks and bench that goes around gazebo area.

Director's Report: KSFb has received grant money from Knights of Columbus for \$1000 and this donation has been noted in the minutes formally. She referred to the list on the agenda packet for additional information, adding that the ExxonMobil payment, delayed due to issues within its donor system that needed to be corrected, will be arriving at the end of September.

Awards: Keep Texas Beautiful awards – its Gold Standard Affiliate award and award for the City – were presented by a Keep Texas Beautiful state board member during the June 27 Santa Fe City Council meeting. The Galveston County Daily News selected the executive director as one of its 40 Under 40 honorees for 2019.

Marketing – During the June 27 meeting, I45 Now conducted an interview about the awards and the organization. Ms. Jordan has talked with Hart to Hart to create a blanket and water bottle that will be given away in a future Facebook promotion. She added that vice president Rebecca Martinez was assisting with social media and between the two of them, lots of information has been released with the organization getting a lot of positive feedback.

Conference – Next year's Keep Texas Beautiful Conference will be in the Houston area.

Cleanups -- June 29, KSFb held a summer time cleanup at Runge Park. Four volunteers stayed two hours to clean the area under the pavilion where community potluck event was to be held the next day.

Projects – Beautiful Business Award sign is ready to present. Previously, board agreed to give first award to Texas First Bank and next to Snider Transmission Services; however, M. Jordan suggested the award presentations reverse order since TFB just received the Chamber's business of the month award. Also, Snider's beautification efforts significantly improved its highway frontage from previous years.

Non-profit Coalition—Executive Director started a coalition of the area non-profit organizations in the Santa Fe community. Together, they meet Old School Museum on the first Monday of the month at 5 pm and are finding ways to partner and support, exchange information, share ideas, and work under a mission statement to assist each other to help Santa Fe.

Memorial Benches – Ms. Wright suggested a plan be put in place to install the 10 Memorial Benches in the City parks as previously discussed. She offered to draft a statement with information to be reviewed by the City Manager. At a previous meeting, it was discussed how the community-wide project of recycling plastic lids to benches became a part of the Resiliency Center operations. To complete the project, KSFb partnered with the City/Resiliency Center to serve as the 501(c)3 required by the manufacturer. The benches remain in storage and the board members agreed that a plan needs to be underway to install these in the community. Two mothers have requested (adamantly) that the benches with their daughter's name be placed near the library in Tambrella Park because those two students volunteered at the City library. Mr. Dickson said that although Runge Park was mentioned, it continues to be a County property, and the families only should be presented with the option of the two city parks.

Ms. Jordan added that when delivered, the pallets with the benches had extra pieces of the recycled materials and these have been cut into ten smaller pieces. She will have plaques made for each and these will be given to each of the families as a reminder of the gift from the community.

Trash Cans – The painted trash cans from Earth Day are currently located in City Hall and the board discussed final placement for these. The executive director will do an inventory and have recommendation where they need to

go. Sites included the two city parks, near the library, high school, pavilion at Runge Park. When time is available, the City crews will install.

Mural discussion – Board briefly discussed possible locations that could benefit from a mural, like the corner of Hwy 6 and FM 646 (Village Seafood). Ms. Baker said she would stop by the business and asks if they were interested. Ms. Jordan said there is money from TxDOT that might be available as long as the mural includes the “Don’t Mess With Texas” message.

Plastic Recycle Dumpsters – Ms. Jordan receives messages from the community asking for this service to be provided. After a discussion of the pros and cons, members tabled item.

Future – Ms. Baker said she would talk with Galveston County about scheduling a tire recycling day in late October. She also said she gets calls for e-recycling. Mr. Dickson talked about the past efforts held at the Gulf Greyhound Race Track for area e-recycling. Executive Director said she would check with Keep Dickinson Beautiful about a possible partnership.

Adjourned – 12:56 pm, scheduled next meeting for September 10, 2019, at City Hall, tentatively at noon.

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Minutes prepared by Rebecca Wright.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Title Date

*Following pages contain transcript of Santa Fe City Council meeting, August 8, 2019.*

City Council Meeting, August 8, 2019

Statement read by KSFB Executive Director, Mandy Jordan:

Thank you for inviting Keep Santa Fe Beautiful to give a public update on the organization and the progress on the Mae S. Bruce: Therapeutic Garden. As you know, Keep Santa Fe Beautiful is an independent 501c3, originally formed in 2003 and was revitalized in October 2018 with the hiring of an executive director, a \$15,000 donation from the City of Santa Fe for start-up costs, and new board members reorganizing with one founding member, who have graciously given me permission to present this information to you today.

As its major focus, Keep Santa Fe Beautiful has worked these past 9 months to transform Mae S. Bruce park into a Therapeutic Garden, following the landscape architecture design approved by Santa Fe City Council, on October 11, 2018. In the first stage we completed the clearing and cleaning of the property, relocating underutilized playground equipment, gazebo refurbishment, and the construction of the 7-foot cedar fence and gate. Currently in phase two, we have partnered with a civil engineering company to provide drainage plans and are in discussion with the State of Texas to connect into drainage along Hwy. 6. Additionally, in May for the day of service we cleaned the park in preparations for future drainage work and worked with the Santa Fe High School Agriculture Mechanics class to construct the Heart of Santa Fe that will serve as an educational public art piece in the garden.

Also in our first year, we have supported an ongoing calendar of planned events, strengthened the organization, gained statewide recognition, provided easily accessible online platforms of updated information and educational awareness, hosted community wide activities, supported local events with participation, and sought financial supporters.

Overall, Keep Santa Fe Beautiful in its inaugural year of revitalization has proudly accomplished much. However, like many local non-profit organizations in the community Keep Santa Fe Beautiful was challenged to find funds needed specifically to (1) complete the final phase of the Garden's build-out, and (2) sustain a full-time paid executive director. In January, I as the executive director discontinued taking a salary to allow all funds received to be used to sustain the organization and advance the Garden while still personally donating funds to cover half of the operational expenses. The board has worked tirelessly to successfully moved our mission forward and made solid progress on its projects and programs.

Additional details can be found in the attached pages that include the:

- accounting of the \$15K provided by the City and during the first 3 months
- Mae S. Bruce Therapeutic Garden report
- income received, IRS 990-N, bank statements, annual financial review policy

We look forward to providing any additional information. Please know that KSFB will be conducting a complete financial review at the end of its fiscal year according to the guidelines adopted by the board. Thank you again for your continued support and being a partner with Keep Santa Fe Beautiful.

*Transcript of discussion; begins at 15:39 on audio recording from City Council meeting. JT – Mayor Jason Tabor; MJ – Mandy Jordan; BP – Bill Pittman, JO – Jason O’Brian; FL – Fidencio Leija; CH – Claude Hoke IV; JD – Joe Dickson, City Manager.*

JT: I see on Phase 2, it says drainage, demo concrete, lighting, electrical--those are already donated?

MJ: Yes

JT: So you have to get the other pieces together so you can finish phase 2?

MJ: Yes

JT: And under your income summary, all of these people have already donated money?

MJ: Yes

JT: You’ve collected all the donations?

MJ: Yes

JT: Ok. Perfect.

BP: Looks like that a lot of people that have donated are people actually providing services.

MJ: Yes. We’ve saved a large amount of income.

BP: How is the fundraisers/donations from non-services people? Are there businesses?

MJ: We had a membership drive last year and we did our “Giving Tuesday” last year after Thanksgiving. We did get some fundraisers in, but it’s that the community has been hard hit this year. It’s been really hard to get donations in.

BP: Is it mainly businesses or individuals or both?

MJ: Both.

JO: Mandy, thank you for everything you do, your hard work does not go unnoticed. I see this list of those requested and declined. How long has it been since we’ve reached out to them? Have we done this recently? Did they decline at the beginning? Basically all of them – those ones who declined, have we gone back to them?

MJ: We just re-established October 1, so all of this has just been in the last 9 months. It hasn’t been a whole year yet to reach back out.

JO: I noticed the last few months they declined and there was one donation was May and one in June and one in July. Have we reached back out to them? We have to wait a year, is that what you are saying?

MJ: Yes, you do have to wait a year, and I sit on a non-profit coalition here in Santa Fe, and that was the general consensus from everybody at the coalition that everybody has had a hard time, even HIS Ministries are lower in their donations this year.

FL: Do we have an actual financial statement?

MJ: We are still conducting the audit. And our treasurer is out of town. She said to provide the policy for our audit review and that she can provide that when she gets back.

FL: So she’s doing it? an audit?

MJ: She's doing an internal audit.

FL: But we don't have financial statement that shows, for instance ----

MJ: We have our 990 and we all of the bank statements attached.

FL: Yes but those are just statements. But, I'm talking about an actual financial statement for the organization where it shows how many were cash donors and how many were checks how many were online so we can actually see.

MJ: I can get with Jodi and we can provide that information.

FL: So is that something that isn't established right now, where we can have a financial statement?

MJ: Quikbooks can easily do that.

BP: So where do you see us going from here?

MJ: Well, since we just got state recognition, I believe we are prime to win the Keep Texas Beautiful award next year which would come with \$160K grant. That does say that we would have to do something along a state highway but we do have a state highway running right through our town. So we could do a really good beautification project there. And we are in talks to do some murals around town. Of course our annual cleanups, we are doing three a year, and have many successes with our high school students getting involved in that.

BP: You've got the services that the mayor just mentioned. But how about the sidewalks? What are we doing to get those donated?

MJ: Well, we are still looking for a wonderful construction company.

JT: You set yourself up for that one, you really did.

BP: What just happened? I'm sure Bilmar can do something.

MJ: That would be great.

BP: So that \$69K for phase 2?

MJ: Yes.

JT: Are these your costs for labor or did you get these from contractors?

MJ: Our landscape architect helped put this together for us. This is how much it is for her to do a project and she does large projects. She's doing the Houston Botanical Garden near Hobby Airport; she's very well known.

JT: So mobilization. Is that for (?) for \$10K?

MJ: Yes, that's like for miscellaneous costs.

FL: So the \$15K donated from the City, the majority of it was for salary?

MJ: Yes

FL: So now that we don't have an executive director that is full time and paid, do we see the organization still flourishing like it did in the first six months?

MJ: I believe so. I stopped taking a salary in January. We did our Earth Day event in April which was very successful. And I have an amazing board; they really are wonderful individuals who have done a lot of work.

FL: But, it puts us back to where we were when you revitalized the organization where we don't have an

official leader leading the way and spending 100% on it, so does that mean the board and yourself, maybe, are looking to bring someone on to be an executive director that would take it on full time and do the fundraising and try to raise your salary?

MJ: At this time, our board has people who are retired and are working on that full time.

FL: They are working on ---?

MJ: Fundraising and donations.

FL: Because I was looking at the financials, and you can see the decline. It looks like the first six months you guys were strong and receiving a lot of donations and there were multiple donations and each month. So you could see the growth and definitely you could see as soon as the year turned around, and I think it might have been the last 3 months, there was only one donation per each month, which is May, June, and July. There was only one donation that was given, while all the other months you had anywhere between five and six donations.

MJ: If you look at the donations, they are larger too, so the Knights of Columbus donated a \$1000. ExxonMobil donated \$2000. For those ones that were given in the beginning, they were much smaller, like \$200. So the number of how many are coming in, is reflected in how much money actually is coming in.

FL: And, what do you think you raised total?

MJ: It's on this report, I can't tell you that right now off the top of my head.

FL: What report?

MJ: The income summary. I'm not a numbers person, I'm a words person, so you'll have add that up.

JT: It's almost \$15K.

BP: So you were talking about the award from the State of Texas, we got the other award based off phase 1, do they need to be seeing something happening in phase 2 for that to happen or is it based off of 1?

MJ: It's more based on how many checkmarks you go through each year. To be an affiliate you have to do many things – you have to have so many cleanup events, have to go above and beyond, have to participate in conferences, webinars, and we did all that this year, that's why we received the gold standard (award).

JT: Another award -- How far off are we from that?

MJ: That award will be awarded next summer at their conference. The grant is up for January, we start applying for that in January.

JO: To win that award, do you think we need to complete phase 2?

MJ: It would be nice. It depends. They have judges and they change out the judges every year. So it's more that they want to make sure we are doing everything. So we met with Pedro, the Code Enforcement officer, looking at codes different things, we've talked with education foundation to find out about what kind of recycling is going on at the school, - all of those things added up to it. It wasn't just the garden.

CH: Do you have a complete list of who all you asked donations from?

MJ: This is it; on the bottom.

CH: So there's other entities in Santa Fe? Amegy?

MJ: Oh yes, I can get you that. I can get you the list of everyone used for the membership drive.

CH: VFW?

MJ: yes

JT: Any more questions?

FL: I think they are doing a great job the first six months, to me, its honorable what you took on, to do what you did in six months, but after that six months it seems like the organization started slowly, after the \$15K was used up – that’s what I continue to hear from the community is, like, where is our organization, where is Keep Santa Fe Beautiful going now that we don’t have a full time executive director, so my question is, not having a financial statement for us to be able to take a look at and say hey, how much was actually utilized? How much donors were coming in and not being able to see those numbers, to me, I figured that would be something that would be introduced here and presented here, for us actually to see the total amount of the donations that came in and being able to see how much was cash, how much was checks, how much was online. Because I did look on here, and you used an organization called Stripe, and you also use Paypal, and using Square –So with those 3 there, you can easily print, right, from those websites, just like anyone that’s taking donations, I’m just wondering why it wouldn’t be in an actual financial statement that most non-profits typically have?

MJ: If we would have had more time to prepare for this we definitely would, and if our treasurer wasn’t out of town I would have asked her for that.

RW: Mayor, I’m Rebecca Wright, and I serve as a board member on Keep Santa Fe Beautiful, I’m also am the retired person who works on the development part, and am so glad to hear that Mr. “Bilmar” for that generous, hopefully, donation.

One thing, we haven’t been in this for a year, and normally you don’t do financial statements until after a year of organization, and get a chance to pull all that together, and what our treasurer told us was that--and what we have already adopted, I believe you’ll find that at the bottom of the packet, is a policy that all of that will be done. But, again we have only been nine months. Also, at the end of those six months was a tremendous effort in this town for a Day of Remembrance and a day of honoring, and a tremendous amount of people were so generous but a lot of money went to different events. And the garden – it’s not because we haven’t been looking for significant gifts outside the community, because we don’t want to put additional financial burden on the people in town who have given so much.

I work also with Backpack Buddy as a development officer for them, and although that organization had been up and running for a number of years successfully, when we turned it into a 501, we were able to go out and find more (support) but it takes about a year to get your name in there because they all have delivery schedules and cycles. You have to get your organization up, and you have to get your organization going, and it’s not just the executive director’s job to do that. It is the board members job and the Council members, it would be great if you give us ideas, like the VFW, to do. But it’s been a very intense year for all of us. So, I just wanted to offer that, because I’ve been working really hard on all of it, and it’s not just one person who does that, and we are trying our best to get the money in the coffers so we can pay for the things we need to pay to get that garden up and going.

FL: And again I'd like to say, it's honorable the work that you guys are doing, and it seems amazing the accolades that y'all are bringing to the City for it. I'm just being very critical because there isn't no financial statement, and as a business owner, and even working in a non-profit field, you have a financial statement on a monthly basis. Just like we received a report here, you have the financials on a monthly basis so you see where you are going so you can continue to have a executive director that was very successful for the six months. How do we raise the money so we can keep her so we don't lose her. It's the most important thing is to raise that money. Sitting on the board of the Santa Fe Education Foundation, that's the first commitment is raising money so we don't lose our executive director, because we need them 100 percent to give it all. What we are seeing here is that we don't have a financial statement that should show us on a monthly basis, of being able to see, because, again, the numbers I was able to see was that we were very successful for the first six months.

RW: Let me just offer one thing, too. This is a 501(c)3. It is not part of the City. And what I understood the request was, from the development part was, you wanted an accounting of, and we worked with the treasurer and got that information, for the \$15K donation from the City. And it was accounted for. And we will be glad to take your criticism back to the board and at our next meeting we will share that with them.

FL: It's not just my criticism. It's about the community. When we go out-- and there's an agenda, I go out and speak to the community, and I make that time to go speak to the community. So, I'm just asking because I would have loved to seen the same six months in the second six months.

RW: Yes, sir, you have made that very obvious. We understand.

FL: I think it was amazing what was done in the first six months, and I just think that if we can learn anything from here, it's having a financial statement that would have supported the growth and expansion and the sustainability of the organization.

JD: If I may, and to reiterate what Ms. Wright has said, Keep Santa Fe Beautiful is independent from the City of Santa Fe and is not a department of the City of Santa Fe, it is totally independent. What I believe council was looking for was, was the investment, was the seed money of \$15K, was it used for good purpose? It wasn't wasted. And as you say, in the first six months, it was not -- a lot was done in that first six months. That \$15K went to a good cause, it was utilized. Now, if anybody wants to come on board, as was mentioned in the letter that there's one original founding board member of Keep Santa Fe Beautiful, still on board, that's me. So if anybody would like to come on and serve on the board, and that's where we would continue to have discussions for the financial statements and all this would be to go to that board for Keep Santa Fe Beautiful, not necessarily to the Council. Because, the Council's money has been accounted for to the Council for the seed money.

BP: That's correct.

JT: I wanted to see where we are at, plus we are right in the middle of budget workshops, so best way to get money is before October 1, not after October 1, so if we had actually waited a year for full financials we'd been out of that window. I wanted to inform Council where we are at, what were the needs, plus we can make it public, also you can hit up certain people for money, but at the same time is --we've got to see the money

because, let's say if the city has (?), or if we put more money to it, people are going to want to know, they are going to ask where that first bit of money went, and where the next part where it would possibly go, and we are in right in, like I said, in the middle of budget workshops, and

BP: That was done. Y'all did that. Financials – they're nice. But, you've already done that (with) the money we've given you.

RW: And if there's another donation from the City, we certainly will be glad to make sure that it's accounted for for what we do. Most of the organizations that I work on don't have full time paid executive directors. Again, Backpack Buddy, we do a tremendous amount of work and everybody is volunteer, 100% goes to the projects we work on. There are a lot of outstanding groups that are led by volunteers; you can't weigh one side against the other. It's great to pay that salary. And, we as a board commend our executive director for giving up that salary so that money could be put to the garden. Our goal is to have it open by Christmas and with a little help from our friends we might be able to do that. Everybody wants to come and plant, but we've got to get the money ...

JT: The plants are the last thing. I see that down at the end here.

RW: We have a lot of volunteers to do that. It's a big chunk to get over, this infrastructure part. There will be lots of good things to see out there when done.

BP: Are they designing the benches and picnic tables and all that or you buying those out, or whatever?

MJ: We haven't decided on that. Probably will try to get in-kind. Some of the benches are designed, the ones that are along, that are built in – there is a mosaic type bench designed by the landscape architect.

BP: Wood? Masonry?

MJ: I believe it is some type of cement with mosaic inlays.

RW: We will be glad to come by and give you full presentation, bring Beth down and have lunch.

BP: Hey, lunch is my favorite time of day by the way.

RW: Well, we'll go to your favorite place. That's okay with us.

JT: Anything else? Thanks guys.

Bubba Jannett: Mayor, I was talking with my Director of Parks in Alvin today, asking if they had anything in their budget, how they did anything for Keep Alvin Beautiful. They have something with their waste company. Y'all might want call their city manager, or utilities or public works, check into that. That have something in their contract with their waste management company.

JT: Like a fee on the bill that goes to..?

Jannett: I don't know the whole details,- I'm off on Fridays, maybe I can followup on that on Monday and let y'all know something.

JD: We have looked into that for the education foundation, and Ameriwaste will put flyers in there, but as far as putting something in there to donate through Ameriwaste and all that, they don't have that capability to do that, but we will look into that. Thank you, and we did look into that for the foundation.

MJ: And I will add that we looked into that and the contract is not up for renewal yet. Keep Dickinson Beautiful has been a major supporter of us as well as Keep Houston Beautiful, both of which get money from

their trash companies but our contract with the city is not up (for renewal) yet. So we can't really add that...

JT: Squeeze them?

MJ: Squeeze that in. But we there are other things that we are looking at.

JT: I believe that contract's up at the end of this year.

MJ: Stacy has it, she provided it for us.

JT: Thank you.

FL: So, I just want to make sure that I put it for the record that I did call two of these board members, and we talked about financials and one of the things that they were concerned about was the financials. So that's the reason I bring it up. It isn't that I, it's out of my desire to be critical about this. It's when I spoke to two of them, your board members, they were also concerned about the financials. Again, my job being up here on Council is to ask the tough questions and to make sure we all are being accountable and transparent. So again, I applaud the work that you did, and I continue to support the work that you guys are doing. I just feel that sustainability for any of our organizations in the city is going to require someone taking the lead and owning it and giving that 100 percent like we saw in the first six months and that's the only reason I bring it up.

MT: I thank you for your comments. As for your financial statements, there are financial statements provided to the board every single month in their board packets along with the minutes which they approve. So if those board members came to you and vented for any reason, at the end of the day, they are the ones who are approving it.

FL: But we didn't see a financial statement in here, so that's why I am bringing it up.

MJ: I'm sorry, but honestly, you don't have to see one, because you are not on the board.

FL: But this agenda actually says, a financial report.

MJ: I did provide a financial report.

FL: Thanks, no worries.

JT: Ok, announcements. Any announcements?

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