

Keep Moline Beautiful

Meeting Minutes – 4:30pm, September 12th, 2013.

Held at Moline Municipal Services Building

Attended by: Sue Ratkiewicz, Rodd Schick, Doug House, Mary Lind, Kristen Bergren, Marcia Lintz, Kathryn Allen, Susan King, Laura Chumbley, Susan Wolf.

Sue Ratkiewicz called the meeting to order.

Old Business:

- *Xstream Cleanup*: Rodd reported that through the City of Moline's partnership with the Waste Commission of Scott County, four Moline sites were cleaned by 60 volunteers.
- *Blue Can Group*: Doug informed the commission that Midland Davis keeps a running list of citizens who would like a larger recycling can; as the larger cans become available, they are distributed. Kristen informed a teacher at the Quad Cities Christian School in Moline about the educational kits.
- *Garden Guardians*: Mary informed the commission that the gardeners had just met to review the summer season. The volunteer guardians appreciated the mulching done by the City crew this summer. Rodd will send out the email distribution list to the entire group to facilitate a perennial flower exchange among gardeners. Garden Guardians are making a push in the next week to get the gardens in tip-top shape for the crowds expected on the Butterworth Parkway for the QC Marathon and for the upcoming Illinois Master Gardeners' Conference. Rodd says there are still entry point gardens and three Butterworth Parkway gardens to be adopted.
- *Cool Cities*: Doug explained that cities see a decline in manufacturing and economic opportunities if National Ambient Air Quality Standards are not met. Moline has implemented into their fleet, vehicles that run on cleaner, compressed natural gas, but these vehicles take longer to fuel up.
- *Join Hands Day*: A group worked at Riverside Park in May.
- *Adopt-a-Street*: Mary suggested that Adopt-a-Street availability signs be put up again to attract volunteers.
- *College Projects*: Rodd gave presentations at Green Valley Nature Preserve during the Biodiversity Day in August. He informed the commission that through an EPA grant and a partnership with RiverAction, an Augustana student will be conducting environmental monitoring at the site.

New Business:

- On behalf of the commission, Sue extended congratulations to Doug for being the first in the nation to earn the credentials of Public Works Manager from the American Public Works Association which included the publication of Doug's paper on emergency management practices.
- Doug and Rodd will get an article in the newspaper calling for nominations for Moline's Recycle Super Hero award and they will schedule a date to present the awards at a City Council meeting.
- Kristen is working on ideas for the annual America Recycles Day school competition that might include recycling guessing games that the classroom teacher can project onto the classroom SMART Board.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:50pm. Motion seconded. Motion carried.

Next Meeting will be at 4:30pm, Thursday, October 10th, 2013 at the Moline Municipal Services Building.

Submitted by Susan Wolf, Temporary Secretary, Keep Moline Beautiful Commission.