

## Keep Moline Beautiful

Meeting Minutes – 4:30pm, November 14th, 2013.

Held at Moline Municipal Services Building

Attended by: Sue Ratkiewicz, Rodd Schick, Doug House, Lori Turner, Mary Lind, Kristen Bergren, Marcia Lintz, Kathryn Allen, Diane Sommers, Craig Sommers, Diane Slover, Susan Wolf and Michael Porubcin.

Sue Ratkiewicz called the meeting to order.

Old Business:

- *Moline Recycle Superhero Award*: Rodd reported that Mitch and Marty Davis, of Midland Davis, and Heather Sund-Smith were honored at the November City Council meeting and an article will appear in the Dispatch on Friday.
- *Earth Week Fair*: Kristen has been representing KMB at the Earth Week Fair meetings. A number of bus grants will be offered to grades 2-5. The fair will be open to school children Thurs., April 24 and Friday April 25 from 8:30am to 2:30pm and to the general public only on Thurs. from 3pm-7pm. Admission is free.
- *America Recycles Day/Blue Can Group*: Kristen and Sue organized the annual America Recycles Day competition for Moline K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes. Three class entries from Hamilton, Bicentennial and Franklin were chosen to win a free fieldtrip to Scott County Recycling Center and all three classes will have the opportunity for the Keep Moline Beautiful superhero cut-out to visit their classroom. Kristen will inform the teachers.
- *Garden Guardians*: Sue, Kristen and Rodd met with Dr. Mary Hoag, Communications professor and her student communications group at Western Illinois University to inform them about what KMB is and how to get involved. Her student group will adopt the steam boat wheel garden. Kristen and Mary will attend the student December meeting as well.
- *Cool Cities*: Kathryn reported that over 400 communities across Illinois have moved to implement a green option for residents by aggregating a community's energy sources. Lisa Medearis, of the Illinois Chapter of the Sierra Club, presents workshops around the state to aid municipalities in implementing electrical aggregation. Workshops discuss 1) the structure of Illinois' energy markets, 2) what aggregated communities have done in the past to support renewable energy, and 3) new recommendations that support clean, local energy through municipal aggregation. Kathryn will look into the workshop. She reported that the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy has nominated Illinois as one of the top 10 most energy efficient states in the country.
- *Adopt-a-Street*: The Moline office of the US Fish and Wildlife Service has adopted several blocks of 52<sup>nd</sup> Ave.

New Business:

- The Keep Moline Beautiful website will be updated. Rodd will list the available, adoptable gardens on the site.
- The Keep America Beautiful National Conference will be held in Charlotte, North Carolina February 3-6<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Doug and Rodd asked for volunteers who would be interested in attending. Kristen and Kathryn are interested.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:30pm. Motion seconded. Motion carried.

Next Meeting will be at 4:30pm, Thursday, December 12th, 2013 at the River House.

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