

## Keep Moline Beautiful

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

Held at River House

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

Sue Ratkiewicz called the meeting to order.

Old Business:

- *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 reported that the Franklin Elementary teacher whose class won the America Recycles Day competition, even incorporated the America Recycles Day concepts into her math lessons. A suggestion was made to incorporate the winning slogan, “When we put it in the bin, we all win” into our website and materials.
- *Garden Guardians*: Kristen reported that the Western Illinois University student communications group, who adopted the steam boat wheel garden, would like to incorporate the bulldog mascot into the garden.
- *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 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 sponsoring a workshop in Moline.
- *Adopt-a-Park*: Rodd placed an ad in the newspaper asking for volunteer help with leaf pickup, but received little response. Lori and Diane suggested that some youth civic organizations may want projects like this. Lori and Diane will get Rodd contact information for the Youth Service Bureau and the various Moline High School organizations like Rotary Interact and National Honor Society.

New Business:

- The Keep Moline Beautiful website will be updated. Rodd will list the available, adoptable gardens on the site. Rodd will check with the City webmaster to make sure the Keep Moline Beautiful website is easily accessible from the City website.
- 100 new 96-gallon recycling bins have arrived for Moline residents.
- A new Illinois cigarette butt litter law went into effect on January 1, 2014 with fines up to \$1,500.00.
- The Keep America Beautiful National Conference will be held in Charlotte, North Carolina February 3-6<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Kristen and Kathryn will attend.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:05pm. Motion seconded. Motion carried.

Next Meeting will be at 4:30pm, Thursday, February 13, 2014 at the Moline Municipal Services Building.

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