

Keep Moline Beautiful

Meeting Minutes – 4:30pm, January 8th, 2015.

Held at Moline Municipal Services Building

Attended by: Rodd Schick, Doug House, Lori Turner, Sue Ratkiewicz, Kristen Bergren, Mary Lind, Brandon Pannell, Terri Smith and Susan Wolf and Matt Nuguid.

Sue Ratkiewicz called the meeting to order.

Motion to accept the minutes of the November 13th, 2014 meeting was made and seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- *Recycle Super Hero and Blue Can Group*: The new female super hero cutout “Recycle La” should be complete by mid-January to visit the winning Logan 2nd grade classroom for one day.
- *Earth Week Fair*: Kristen represented KMB commission at the December 12th Earth Week Coalition’s 1-day workshop facilitated by the Iowa Extension for assessment and strategic planning purposes. The Coalition identified which Quad City audiences were being served and what science standards were being addressed by the various Coalition organizations and other QC organizations. Pre-school and elderly aged citizens were underserved through existing programming. The Coalition also wants a new and improved Fair to affect more environmentally conscious behavior change of the Fair goers. Doug suggested that perhaps a way to breathe new life into the Earth Week Fair by developing new partnerships with QC organizations like the Niabi Zoo or by incorporating How-To demonstrations or coordinating volunteer days or volunteer workshops into the Fair.
- *Garden Guardians*: Mary and Rodd reported that the guardian signs have been pulled for winter. New signs for new Garden Guardians will be printed and all signs will be placed in gardens in March by the City. Mary contacted Mill Town Coffee about adopting a garden across from their business and Mary hopes that Iowa Oriental Rug owner will adopt a garden also. Mary and Lori both contacted Western Illinois University and they will follow-up about an adoption. Mary will contact the Illinois Extension to advertise adoptable gardens and she will send Rodd photos of the gardens to advertise adoptable spaces in the newspaper. KMB could advertise adoptable gardens at a booth at the Lawn and Garden Show and give away bulbs. Lori suggested that many of the garden businesses who prepare bulb displays for the Lawn and Garden Show might like the remaining bulbs—perhaps they might be willing to display a small sign that says “bulbs donated by Keep Moline Beautiful”.
- *Great American Cleanup*: Rodd completed registration for Great American Cleanup April, 25, 2015
- *Keep America Beautiful*: Rodd will attend the Keep America Beautiful's 62nd National Conference in Washington, D.C. January 27 - 29, 2015.

New Business:

- Doug suggested that since Earth Week Fair is not being held this year, that KMB participate in the City’s May 2nd Touch-A-Truck event on May 2nd. The commission will organize this.
- Doug reported on meetings regarding viability of a single stream non-profit recycling center for the entire Quad City area.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 pm. Motion seconded and carried.

Next meeting will be at 4:30pm, Thursday, February 12th, 2015 at the Moline Municipal Services Building.

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