

Keep Moline Beautiful

Meeting Minutes – 4:30pm, November 13th, 2014.

Held at Moline Municipal Services Building

Attended by: Rodd Schick, Lori Turner, Sue Ratkiewicz, Kristen Bergren, Mary Lind, Kathryn Allen, Laura Chumbley, Lynn Garrison, Terri Smith and Susan Wolf.

Sue Ratkiewicz called the meeting to order.

Motion to accept the minutes of the October 15th, 2014 meeting was made and seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- *Recycle Super Hero*: Rodd, Sue and Kristen presented the Moline Recycle Super Hero award to two classes of special education students at Moline High School. These student winners and business winners, Smith Filter Corporation and McLaughlin Motors, will be honored at the City Council meeting on Tues. November 18th. Kristen will contact the Moline High School teachers and a letter was sent home with the students inviting them and their families to the Council meeting. Dispatch/ Argus news reporter, Dawn Neuses, has been contacted about the Recycle Super Hero winners. KMB members will retrieve the “HAND chair” from Ericsson Elementary in the spring and deliver it to the winning classroom at the high school.
- *Blue Can Group*: Diane delivered the K-2nd naming and motto contest flyers to all schools and Kris tried to send out the emails to teachers advertising the free field trip opportunity; the Moline Superintendent’s office, however, would not send out the email like in past years. Four classes entered and a 2nd grade class from Logan Elementary won the field trip to the Recycling Center and will have the new female super hero visit their classroom.
- *Earth Week Fair*: Kristen reported that a survey was sent out to Earth Week Fair participating organizations for strategic planning purposes. She reported that 70% of organizations wanted a year hiatus. She will represent the KMB commission at the December 12th meeting.
- *Garden Guardians*: Rodd received a donation of a palette of bulbs from Sam’s Club, however winter weather may prevent planting. Rodd will offer them to Adopt-A-Park participants.
- *Cool Cities*: Doug, Kathryn and Susan attended Augustana’s Upper Mississippi Center Sustainable Working Landscapes Initiative panel discussion on October 24th. Applications are due in January to partner one city with the Center to complete sustainability projects. Kathryn commented on the concern about light pollution in cities around the country and inquired about Moline’s plans for the new train station roof to be completely lit for effect. Rodd said that new LED lighting on River Drive lessens light pollution by focusing light more efficiently in the targeted area.
- *Great American Cleanup*: Rodd completed registration for Great American Cleanup 2015
- *Adopt-A Street*: Rodd reported that there was one new interested participant.
- *Keep America Beautiful*: Keep America Beautiful’s 62nd National Conference will be held in Washington, D.C. January 27 - 29, 2015.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 pm. Motion seconded and carried.

Next Meeting will be at 4:30pm, Thursday, December 11th, 2014 at the Moline Municipal Services Building.

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