

## Keep Moline Beautiful

Meeting Minutes – 4:30pm, March 24th, 2016.

Held at Moline Municipal Services Building

Attended by: Lori Turner, Sue Ratkiewicz, Doug House, Rodd Schick, Kristen Bergren, and Susan Wolf.

Sue Ratkiewicz called the meeting to order.

### Old Business:

- *Blue Can Group:* Kristen sent emails to the teachers of the winning classrooms of the KMB America Recycles Day contest to inform them of their Nahant Marsh fieldtrip. One of the teachers has been in touch with Rodd. Doug informed the commission that the contract for the drop-off recycling site is up this fall. The contract went out for bid. Evaluating the bids is complicated due to different ways of calculating fees and charges by the bidding companies; some calculate charges by the number of containers collected and some by the number of tons of recycling. Kristen suggested that KMB think of ways to educate the Moline citizens about tipping fees for garbage not recycled. The curbside household recycling contract is up in December of 2017.
- *Garden Guardians:* Rodd is communicating with an adoptee for the large garden at the boat ramp. Western Illinois University held a cleanup for their garden. Notices are being sent out to get renewed commitment from last year's Garden Guardians.
- *Adopt-a-Street:* Doug and Rodd reported one new adoptee of several streets.

### New Business:

- Kristen discussed the new direction that the Earth Week Coalition is taking; one idea is to have an Earth Week Coalition passport to tie organizations together; there is still funding left to use as seed money for a new project like this.
- The Touch-a-Truck event will take place on May 14<sup>th</sup> at the Municipal Services Building from 9-noon with many Moline families in attendance. KMB will have a booth with activities like the recycling cootie catchers and grabbers for children to decide which items get put into the recycling and which items get put into the trash, and photos with the recycling superhero cutouts. Some of the setup could be done after the KMB May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:20pm. Motion seconded and passed.

Next meeting will be at 4:30pm, Thursday, April 14th, 2016 at the Moline Municipal Services Building.

Submitted by Susan Wolf, Secretary, Keep Moline Beautiful Commission