

## Keep Moline Beautiful

Meeting Minutes – 4:30pm, August 11th, 2016.  
Held at Moline Municipal Services Building

Present: Rodd Schick, Lori Turner, Sue Ratkiewicz, Kristen Bergren, Adam Holland and Susan Wolf

Also attended: Diane Slover, Mary Lind

Sue Ratkiewicz called the meeting to order.

Motion to accept the minutes of the May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting was made and seconded. Motion carried.

### Old Business:

- The Touch-a-Truck event took place on May 14<sup>th</sup> at the Municipal Services Building from 9-noon with many Moline families in attendance. The KMB recycling educational activities seemed to really engage the children.
- *Garden Guardians*: Because the Guardians of the “purple bench” gardens, moved away from the QC, Mary made a motion that KMB would adopt the large purple bench garden. Motion seconded and passed. There was a suggestion that weeding could be done once a month perhaps immediately following the commission’s monthly meetings. Rodd will have a new sign made. Rodd will email Jimmy Helene to confirm his interest in continuing to be a Garden Guardian. There was discussion about requiring a commitment from Garden Guardian volunteers to tend their gardens once a month during the growing season, attend a KMB meeting at least once, and sign a contract. Lori suggested that we host a kickoff “tending meeting” in the spring at the gardens when all guardians can meet and work together on their gardens for the first time. Rodd and Mary will reconnect with the Western Illinois University contact and Alan Sabat.
- *Arbor Day*: Diane suggested that it would be great to get some publicity in the newspaper about how many trees the City has planted to commemorate Arbor Day.
- *America Recycles Day*: Nominees for Moline Recycles Superhero were discussed. Lori will deliver applications to Midland Davis for distribution. Kristen will make small signs to place next to the applications. Kristen suggested giving out a local artist’s “grounding stone” sculptures in the shape of a recycling symbol to future Moline Recycles Superhero awardees.
- *Xstream Cleanup*: Kristen and Rodd explained that Xstream Cleanup has been totally revamped. Therefore there is no single day event in August like in past years. It is now an umbrella for any Quad City organizations who sponsor cleanup or invasive species removal events. The new Xstream Cleanup website will have a calendar of all of these types of events and will be able to handle the registration of volunteers for the participating organization’s events.
- *Join Hands Day*: Adam said there has been discussion of additional beautification or cleanup projects in the downtown Moline Centre area, but that the company that manages the SSA (Special Service Area) tax monies to plant downtown planters is doing a good job.

### New Business:

- Mary suggested we invite Andrea Ochoa-Raya to the KMB commission meetings as a Black Hawk College liaison. Perhaps Kate Helms would be willing to head up a Moline High School group of student volunteers if there were a KMB or City project to be carried out.
- To discourage the use of plastic shopping bags, there was discussion of handing out good quality cloth shopping bags with the Keep Moline Beautiful logo on them at the 2017 Touch-A-Truck event or at HyVee. Rodd will look into the cost.
- Rodd reported that more new black metal garbage cans will be installed along Butterworth Parkway soon. There was a suggestion to attach metal signs to the front of or top of the new cans, that have the KMB logo and “Thank You for Keeping Moline Beautiful” printed on them.  
A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:55pm. Motion seconded and passed.

Next meeting will be at 4:30pm, Thursday, September 8th, 2016 at the Moline Municipal Services Building.

Submitted by Susan Wolf, Secretary, Keep Moline Beautiful Commission