

Keep Moline Beautiful

Meeting Minutes – 4:30pm, September 8th, 2016.
Held at Moline Municipal Services Building

Present: Rodd Schick, Lori Turner, Sue Ratkiewicz, and Susan Wolf

Absent: Kristen Bergren and Adam Holland

Also attended: Diane Slover, Mary Lind

Sue Ratkiewicz called the meeting to order.

Motion to accept the minutes of the August 11th, 2016 meeting was made and seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Rodd reported that he has requests in to companies for price quotes on good quality cloth shopping bags with the Keep Moline Beautiful logo on them. There may be EPA grant monies available for some sort of handout event during Earth Week.
- Rodd reported that more new black metal garbage cans will be installed along Butterworth Parkway in the next fiscal year. Metal signs will be attached 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. Mary suggested installing any cans that are ready-to-go now, on the empty cement pads along the path. Rodd will look into this. Lori said that McCandless Park received funds from a Community Development Block Grant for the pavilion.
- *Cool Communities*: Rodd passed on some information regarding green mass transit grant opportunities to the general manager of MetroLink.
- *Garden Guardians*: Mary reported that all gardens are adopted except two (although one of these two is lined up to be adopted this coming Spring). Mary has spoken with a Seton Catholic School teacher whose confirmation classes will volunteer to weed both of these gardens this fall. Rodd will get in touch with the teacher. Mary informed Rodd that the Women of the Aires guardians reported a beaver damaged dead tree in their garden. Mary will ask the Women of the Aires to speak to Rodd about a new tree and new benches.
- *Arbor Day*: Rodd reported that the City arborist will take an inventory of the Arbor Day trees that the City has planted in the past and then Diane volunteered to write an article for the newspaper highlighting this work.
- *America Recycles Day*: Rodd will send a press release blurb to Anthony Watt at the Dispatch-Argus about the call for City of Moline Recycle Super Hero Award Nominations. Lori will deliver applications to Midland Davis and the Library for distribution. Kristen will make small signs to place next to the applications. Mary made a motion, that if it is possible within the artist’s timeframe, that the awards this year be a “grounding stone” recycle-symbol sculpture and an accompanying City of Moline certificate signed by the Mayor. Motion seconded and passed. Sue will ask the artist to make 6 sculptures that can be used for future years.
- *Blue Can Group*: The commission decided to postpone the elementary school contest for this fall.

New Business:

- Sue will send out an email to the Keep Moline Beautiful email distribution list asking for people to respond if they would like to be kept on the list.
- Mary invited Andrea Ochoa-Raya to the KMB commission meetings as a Black Hawk College liaison. Andrea will consider joining, but if her schedule does not allow, she will try to find another student interested in serving.
- To bolster Keep Moline Beautiful volunteers, Diane suggested inviting people from Adopt-A-Park, Adopt-A-Street and Garden Guardians to join the meetings.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:30pm. Motion seconded and passed.

Next meeting will be at 4:30pm, Thursday, October 13th, 2016 at the Moline Municipal Services Building.

Submitted by Susan Wolf, Secretary, Keep Moline Beautiful Commission