

Keep Moline Beautiful

Meeting Minutes – 4:30pm, April 14th, 2016.

Held at Moline Municipal Services Building

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

Absent: Diane Slover, Adam Holland

Also attended: Lynn Garrison, Terri Smith and Mary Lind

Rodd Schick called the meeting to order.

Old Business:

- *Great American Cleanup* will take place on Saturday, April 23rd across Moline. Keep Moline Beautiful commission will meet at 9:30am at the Kiwanis Bike Path to pick up trash along path. A picnic at Riverside Park will take place for all volunteers beginning at 11am.
- The Touch-a-Truck event will take place on May 14th at the Municipal Services Building from 9-noon with many Moline families in attendance. KMB will have a booth with recycling educational 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 can be done after the KMB May 12th meeting. KMB members will “man” the booth.
- *Garden Guardians*: Rodd reported that all of the Garden Guardian signs were installed in the gardens and all of the tall ornamental grasses have been cut. Mary reported that all of the gardens have been adopted except one. Mary will send out texts and emails to all Guardians to touch base about the upcoming garden season.
- *Blue Can Group*: Lynn reported that the Recycle Superhero cutouts will appear at the Butterworth Elementary School Earth Night. Lynn will take some Garden Guardian brochures and KMB info to share with parents.
- *Arbor Day*: Rodd reported that the Moline city forester is working with Moline High School to plant two trees on the campus for Arbor Day. Mayor Raes will read the proclamation.
- *Earth Week*: Kristen discussed the new direction that the Earth Week Coalition is taking; a new name for the organization is in the works, development of a website is planned to advertise many Quad City organizations, and the idea of a passport to tie organizations together is being discussed.
- *Xstream Cleanup*: Kristen and Rodd explained that Xstream Cleanup has been totally revamped. 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. However, Rodd reported that this type of website was not needed to register the 1000 people who volunteered for the Moline Great American Cleanup.

New Business:

- Rodd will reach out to Diane Slover to see if she is still interested in serving on the commission and he will inform Tracy Koranda of Diane’s intent.
- Mary will talk to one of the Black Hawk College Clean Sphere students about her interest in attending KMB meetings.
- Adam Holland would like to provide recycling containers to place at the Quad Cities Craft Beer Festival on May 21 at Bass Street Landing. Rodd will work with Adam to promote recycling at Moline Centre events. Terri reported that there are many Moline Centre events and activities scheduled throughout the summer.
- A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:20pm. Motion seconded and passed.

Next meeting will be at 4:30pm, Thursday, May 12th, 2016 at the Moline Municipal Services Building.

Submitted by Susan Wolf, Secretary, Keep Moline Beautiful Commission