

Keep Moline Beautiful

Meeting Minutes – 4:30pm, May 12th, 2016.

Held at Moline Municipal Services Building

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

Also attended: Brandon Parnell, Terri Smith, Jodi Helms, Kate Helms

Absent: Adam Holland, Rodd Schick, Diane Slover,

Sue Ratkiewicz called the meeting to order.

Old Business:

- 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 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. Brandon will get the supplies from Rodd to be setup that day. KMB members will “man” the booth, will wear Blue Can Group shirts, and will bring clean recyclables and clean trash for kids to sort.
- *Garden Guardians*: Mary will email Jodi and Kate Helms about adopting the purple bench small garden.
- *Blue Can Group*: Kristen asked the Commission to be thinking of a new elementary school recycling contest for the Fall.
- *Adopt-a-Street*: Jodi and Kate are adoptees of their neighborhood street, and the Adopt-A-Street sign says “Helms Family”; Jodi suggested that they change their sign to say “Green Acres Neighbors” instead of their name to encourage and acknowledge their neighbors’ participation. Kristen suggested that the city have Adopt-A-Street Week to draw attention to the program.
- *Great American Cleanup* took place on Saturday, April 23rd across Moline. Keep Moline Beautiful commission cleaned up Kiwanis Bike Path. Brandon reported the annual city event was a big success with about 20 tons of trash being picked up around town.
- *Earth Week*: Kristen discussed the new direction that the Earth Week Coalition is taking; a survey was sent out polling for a new name for the organization, 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.
- *Join Hands Day*: Terri informed the Commission that SSA (Special Service Area) tax monies were used to plant downtown planters already. Terri suggested having a subcommittee meeting to discuss a KMB and Moline Centre partnership to organize future beautification projects like Join Hands Day.

New Business:

- Lori asked that we be thinking of recruiting new members to join the Commission.
- Kate informed the Commission that there is no official environmental group at Moline High School.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:10pm. Motion seconded and passed.

Next meeting will be at 4:30pm, Thursday, June 9th, 2016 at the Moline Municipal Services Building.

Submitted by Susan Wolf, Secretary, Keep Moline Beautiful Commission