

Keep Moline Beautiful

Meeting Minutes – 4:30pm, April 13th, 2017.
Held at Moline Municipal Services Building

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

Also attended: Kate Helms, Mary Lind, Greg Johnson

Absent: Kristen Bergren and Diane Slover

Sue Ratkiewicz called the meeting to order.

Motion to accept the minutes of the March 9th, 2017 meeting was made and seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- *LED Lighting Project:* Rodd reported that the LED retrofitting and replacement lighting project is near completion and rebates have been applied for and reduction in electricity costs have already been realized.
- *Goals and Objectives:* Lori informed the commission of her recent grant writing work on behalf of KMB; Lori applied for a Pepsi grant through Keep America Beautiful which provides up to \$5,000/6 months and recycling receptacles for monthly recycling reporting. Lori also applied for a UPS community tree planting grant; trees in Moline's Ms. Patty's Park need to be replaced and Lori proposed establishing a community partnership to plant an apple orchard which could be used to establish a community apple festival and could be used to teach arborist classes. In addition, Lori applied to the Jr. Board of Rock Island for a \$500 grant to purchase 500 KMB reusable bags to share with KMB recycling education contest winning classrooms or Touch-A-Truck community event-goers. Lori expects to be notified about these three grants within the next couple of months. Rodd will present a KMB report at an April Committee of the Whole City Council meeting.

Committee Reports and Updates:

- The commission will continue to identify projects for KMB. Rodd will email the Goals/Objectives updated worksheets, the KMB mission statement and our KMB materials which were submitted to Keep America Beautiful to the KMB commission members so that we will have information at-the-ready when grants become available.
 - **City Update:** Rodd and Greg reported that trees were planted at Riverside Pond, and that through Stacy Laake's marketing work, City park adoption is going well with just a few areas left to be adopted.
 - **Garden Guardians:** Rodd, Greg and Mary revised the Garden Guardian application form, adding more maintenance specifics and specifics on how best to contact each Garden Guardian leader. Rodd received a call from a new garden adoptee for the Snowhill garden. Mary organized a kick-off event to the Garden Guardian season with a meet-and-greet and lecture by master gardener Dave Arensdorf on Low Maintenance Gardening with Native Plants immediately following the KMB May meeting on 5/11 beginning at 4pm. Kris volunteered to make the flyer for the event. New gardeners are needed to adopt City entry points.
 - **School Outreach:** Kate worked with Moline High School teachers to organize a school cleanup scheduled for April 21. XStream Cleanup organization offers free t-shirts to student participants; Kate will get the number and sizes of t-shirts needed to Rodd, and he and Greg will get the supplies (bags, gloves and grabbers and shirts) to the high school for the event. Sue will get a photograph of the group.
 - **Downtown Events:** Adam reported that brewers and bands are booked for the summer Beer Fest and many concerts in Downtown. He will check with his garbage company to get an estimate of recyclables produced at these events so that we can use these statistics when applying for recycling grants. The SSA (Special Service Area) tax monies will be used to plant downtown planters after Mother's Day.

New Business:

- KMB members will clean the Kiwanis Bike Path on 4/22 at 9am while Greg will organize hundreds of Moline residents to participate in the Great American Cleanup around the City.

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

Next meeting will be at 4:00pm, Thursday, May 11th, 2017 at the Moline Municipal Services Building. NOTE the earlier meeting time to accommodate the Garden Guardian lecture.

Submitted by Susan Wolf, Secretary, Keep Moline Beautiful Commission