

Keep Moline Beautiful

Meeting Minutes – 4:00pm, May 11th, 2017.
Held at Moline Municipal Services Building

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

Also attended: Kate Helms, Mary Lind, Greg Johnson, Julia Fout, Amy Ciucci, Laura Chumbley

Absent: Diane Slover

Sue Ratkiewicz called the meeting to order.

Motion to accept the minutes of the April 13th, 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 that her recent Pepsi grant proposal was declined. She is still waiting to hear about the UPS community tree planting grant and the Jr. Board of Rock Island \$500.00 request.

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.
 - Blue Can Group: Rodd presented a KMB report at the April Committee of the Whole City Council meeting. Alderman Potter inquired about the possibility of KMB commission's help to educate the public about contamination in recycling bins.
 - City Update: Rodd reported that Ben Butterworth Parkway trail will be resurfaced; gardens in the Garden Guardian program may be impacted during the work.
 - Garden Guardians: Rodd, Greg and Mary presented the revised Garden Guardian application form, which has more maintenance specifics and specifics on how best to contact each Garden Guardian leader. 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 today's KMB meeting. There are three gardens left to be adopted. Amy offered to reach out to QCCrossfit to inquire about their interest in adopting the garden across River Drive from their business.
 - QC Earth Coalition Update: Kristen reported that an idea of a passport that children will get stamped to tie Quad City organizations together is being discussed.
 - School Outreach: Kate reported that the April 21st Moline High School cleanup was a big success with a large turnout of students, and resulted in cleaning up a truckload of garbage from the high school grounds.
 - Great American Cleanup: Greg reported that KMB members cleaned the Kiwanis Bike Path while hundreds of Moline residents participated in cleanups all around the City on April 22nd.
 - Downtown Events: Adam reported that the Moline Centre Main Street summer concert series and festivals will begin May 20th. Adam informed Rodd and Greg of a missing trashcan in the historic courtyard area.

New Business:

- Moline High School student Julia Fout asked for ideas regarding her interest in eliminating the Styrofoam lunch trays at the high school cafeteria. She is looking for a biodegradable alternative that is comparable in cost to the \$0.06-\$0.10 Styrofoam trays. Julia will email Adam for the name of the compostable trays that are used at Bass Street Landing businesses.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 4:30pm to begin the Garden Guardian season kickoff lecture. Motion seconded and passed.

Next meeting will be at 4:30pm, Thursday, June 8th, 2017 at the Moline Municipal Services Building.

Submitted by Susan Wolf, Secretary, Keep Moline Beautiful Commission