

Keep Moline Beautiful

Meeting Minutes – 4:30pm, February 8th, 2018.
Held at Moline Municipal Services Building

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

Also attended: Greg Johnson

Absent: Adam Holland, Diane Slover

Sue Ratkiewicz called the meeting to order.

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

Old Business:

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 reported that thanks to the LED retrofitting and replacement lighting project, the City is seeing 30% savings in energy usage across all facilities. Rodd noted that the City is investigating other ways to aggregate electricity like they have done with gas at some of the City facilities. Rodd and Lori reported on the new energy efficient windows being installed at City Hall. Bi-State Commission is hosting an alternative fuel vehicle event on April 3rd. The City has a new compressed gas bucket truck for electrical work among its fleet of alternative fuel vehicles.
 - QC Earth Coalition Update: Kristen informed the Commission about the Quad Cities Earth Coalition Summer Passport program in which the City and KMB will be sponsors; from May through Labor Day, children and families will get their passports stamped for attending City activities or visiting City parks and trails. Rodd will have a KMB logo stamp created. KMB and City websites will post a link to the QC Earth Coalition passport website.
 - Great American Cleanup Event: Sylvan Island cleanup is taking place on Earth Day, and Kristen inquired on behalf of Niabi Zoo director, Joel Vanderbush, if KMB would organize and man a booth (with the Recycle Super Hero cutouts and recycling activities) at the zoo Earth Day event on sustainability.
 - Blue Can Group Update: Rodd reported that the Midland Davis City recycling contract expires in March 2018; a new contract went out for bid and the City is considering a new bid to include all new, city-wide 95-gallon containers for single stream recycling including glass and aseptic plastic (aseptic plastic are multi-material packaging like juice boxes and milk cartons). The new contract would require that the recycling company do some City-wide marketing and education on the new items that are allowed. Rodd noted that they are pursuing a Closed Loop Fund Grant that would provide the opportunity to purchase the carts at 0% interest.
 - Moline Recycle Super Hero Awards update: Rodd and the Commission chose three recipients for the 2017 Moline Recycle Super Hero awards; awards were presented at the Committee of the Whole meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 14th at City Hall. The 2017 Moline Recycle Super Hero individual award was awarded to college student Kate Helms for her beautification, cleaning and recycling efforts for the health of her neighborhood, school and city. The 2017 Moline Recycle Super Hero business award was given to HyVee, off John Deere Road 42nd Ave, for their recycling efforts as one of the largest recyclers of corrugated cardboard in the City and their food waste reduction practices. The 2017 Moline Recycle Super Hero organization award was given to Western Illinois University-Moline Campus for its sustainability efforts throughout its campuses including its water bottle refilling stations.

New Business:

- Rodd will ask Kathy Morris, Scott Area Landfill director, about meeting with the KMB Commission to educate us on community marketing and education on single stream recycling.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:40pm. Motion seconded and passed.

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

Submitted by Susan Wolf, Secretary, Keep Moline Beautiful Commission