

## Keep Moline Beautiful

Meeting Minutes – 4:30pm, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Held at Moline Municipal Services Building

Present: Lori Turner, Sue Ratkiewicz, Diane Slover, Kristen Bergren, Susan Wolf

Also attended: Greg Johnson, Laura Chumbley, Maggie Driscall

Absent: Adam Holland, Rodd Schick

Sue Ratkiewicz called the meeting to order.

Motion to accept the minutes of the April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 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 and Blue Can Group: Greg reported that the City Council tabled the motion to purchase the new 95-gallon containers for single stream recycling at the May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. When the Council decides which vendor to purchase from, it will take about 60 days to order and receive the new recycle bins and then marketing and education on new recyclable items allowed will begin.
  - Garden Guardians: Greg informed the Commission that the Garden Guardian adoptee signs will be placed soon--after the flooding of the Butterworth Parkway roadways and bike paths has subsided. Greg said there are four gardens that need to be adopted (one near the former Captian's Table, one on the East Moline border, one across from Milltown and one at the flagpole on the path). Maggie will inquire about interest in Teske's adopting a garden and she will look into posting a Garden Guardian application and ad at Teske's also.
  - Great American Cleanup Event: Greg and Rodd organized hundreds of Moline residents to participate in the Great American Cleanup around the City during April including about 125 volunteers at Sylvan Island cleanup and bench dedication. KMB members held their annual cleanup of the Kiwanis Bike Path and collected nine bags of garbage and recycling. Kristen reported that the KMB booth at the Niabi Zoo Earth Day event on April 21 and 22 garnered good pr and educated many zoo visitors, and that zoo director, Joel Vanderbush, was appreciative of KMB participation in the inaugural event.
  - Arbor Day: Greg informed the Commission that a red sunset maple was planted at Riverside Park Gardens and that three other trees purchased with Keep Moline Beautiful grant monies were planted around the city.
  - Touch-A-Truck: KMB volunteers will man a booth at the Touch-A-Truck event on May 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:00a.m.-noon, to educate the community on single stream recycling and the Garden Guardian program with sorting recycling activities, planting activities and photo ops with the Recycling Superhero cutouts.

### New Business:

- Greg informed the Commission that he and Rodd attended the Keep Illinois Beautiful conference in Springfield to learn about available grants and to hear shared ideas from other Illinois cities; some cities provide an outfitted trailer filled with tools and mowers to volunteers working cleanup events. Another idea is to have people carry a Keep Moline Beautiful banner, bringing up the rear at parade events, and enlist help from parade goers to clean up the parade route by shooting the garbage into waste basket basketball hoops.
- Lori and Greg discussed the extensive revitalization of Prospect Park through various City, Moline Community Development Corporation and other organization's efforts, fundraising events and grants. Improvements to Prospect Park include replacing the fishing pier and playground and reengineering the pavilion. Greg informed the Commission that geofoam is being used to stabilize the ground around the pavilion, new restrooms and new stairs have been constructed, and that a controlled burn was conducted around the pond for invasive species removal and the health of the prairie grasses.

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

Next meeting will be at 4:30pm, Thursday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Moline Municipal Services Building.

Submitted by Susan Wolf, Secretary, Keep Moline Beautiful Commission