

Keep Moline Beautiful

Meeting Minutes – 4:30pm, September 13th 2018.

Held at Moline Municipal Services Building

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

Also attended: Adam Guthrie

Sue Ratkiewicz called the meeting to order.

Motion to accept the minutes of the May 10th, 2018 meeting was made and seconded. Motion carried.

Rodd and Sue welcomed Adam Guthrie, new director of Moline Centre and gave Adam a short history of KMB and Blue Can Group.

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: Rodd reported that the Moline City Council accepted a new recycling contract bid from Midland Davis and the City will purchase new 95-gallon containers for single stream recycling including glass and aseptic plastic (aseptic plastic are multi-material packaging like juice boxes and milk cartons). Rodd noted that a RFID chip will be on each of the new carts to allow for future scanning of the bins as they are being dumped which will give information about collection rates, information about the weight of the collected recyclables and whether or not there was contamination in the recyclables. Midland Davis owns the old carts and some will be retained to redistribute to people who prefer smaller cans. The lids of the new carts will have collection information on them. The monthly recycling costs will increase by \$1.69/month because the old rates were based on an exceptionally good deal made ten years ago when commodity prices were higher. It is the hope that by including glass in this new recycling program (thereby keeping this large and heavy quantity out of the City garbage stream), the City's costly landfill tipping fees generated by Moline garbage will be reduced; a year or so from now, with data on City recycling participation and savings from garbage tipping fees, monthly recycling fees can be reevaluated. Kristen suggested incorporating pictures of items on the lid instructions to overcome any language barriers and to improve understanding among all Moliners. Rodd wants KMB to develop posters with both photos and text to take to town events to educate Moliners on what new recyclable items are allowed with the new program. In addition, these kinds of informational posters and videos will be on the City website. Lori offered that the Moline Community Development Group will help alert KMB to neighborhood events to attend to get the word out. Diane suggested that part of the public education and marketing of the new program should include information about the fact that less contamination by all citizens will cut City costs which could lower fee rates. Adam offered to publicize the new program on the Moline Centre Facebook page. 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.
 - Garden Guardians: Adam asked for Garden Guardians help in selecting appropriate flowers for the Special Services Area downtown flower planters.
 - XStream Cleanup Event: Kristen reported that Sierra Club, in partnership with KMB, Xstream Cleanup, and Augustana College's and Rock Island High School's environmental groups, will host an Illinois Waterway cleanup on the Mississippi on September 23rd from 1:00-3:00pm along Kiwanis Bike Path.
 - Recycle Superhero: Rodd will ask Midland Davis to nominate a business for the award.

New Business:

- Suggestions were made to try to roll out new recycle program and advertise for Moline Recycle Superhero nominations in a segment on WQAD news.
- Lori asked the Commission if it was interested in producing crayon shapes, made from melted recycled crayon nubs poured into molds to sell as a fundraiser or to give away at Touch-A-Truck. Adam offered that perhaps the shapes could also be sold or used at the kids' activity stations during the Holiday Hop and Lighting of the Commons events.
- Lori reminded the Commission about the Prospect Park Thru Time fundraiser on October 6th to support the extensive revitalization of Prospect Park. Various City, Moline Community Development Corporation and other organization's efforts, fundraising events and grants will continue throughout the year to support these Prospect Park improvements including replacing the fishing pier and playground and reengineering the pavilion

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:05pm. Motion seconded and passed.

Next meeting will be at 4:30pm, Thursday, October 11th, 2018 at the Moline Municipal Services Building.

Submitted by Susan Wolf, Secretary, Keep Moline Beautiful Commission