

Keep Moline Beautiful

Meeting Minutes – 4:30pm, November 8th 2018.

Held at Moline Municipal Services Building

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

Also attended: Laura Chumbley, Greg Johnson

Absent: Adam Guthrie

Sue Ratkiewicz called the meeting to order.

Motion to accept the minutes of the October 11th, 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: Rodd announced that on November 13th at the City Council Committee of the Whole meeting there will be a presentation of the Moline Recycles Super Hero awards. The 2018 Moline Recycle Super Hero awards will be given to Kristen Bergren for her passion, enthusiasm and tireless leadership to promote recycling, beautification and cleanup efforts in Moline and to teacher Karen Neder for her efforts to both reuse hard-to-recycle products thru a recycling company called Terracycle, and generate funds to support Blessed Beginnings Preschool in the process. Rodd reported that the Waste Commission of Scott County has provided informative recycling promotional and educational materials that we can adopt and use. Rodd has been speaking to neighborhood groups about the new recycling program and media blasts and website posts and notifications have been going out about the new program; Diane suggested providing data on increase in pounds of recycling since the larger carts were installed, and how that increase translates into decrease in cost of garbage tipping fees, would be very convincing information at these neighborhood presentations and in a newspaper article. Rodd hopes to gather this kind of information to include in the Close the Loop grant report later in the upcoming year. Kristen suggested rolling out the new cart and single stream recycling campaign during National Recycles Day, November 15th with a newspaper article. Rodd noted that 400 people have a preference for the original, smaller 48-gallon recycling carts instead of the new 95-gal. Rodd hopes that the new larger carts will come in handy particularly for people who shop online, to now recycle the cardboard boxes and packaging easily in the large carts.
 - Garden Guardians: Greg commented that the Garden Guardian signs will be pulled out of the gardens soon for the winter season.
 - School Outreach: Via email, Moline High School teacher, Amy Ciucci, informed the Commission that Moline High School will partner with Healthy Harvest Urban Farms in Downtown Rock Island to create a Giving Garden at the high school, with ground breaking happening this spring. Sue noted that the proposed garden placement at the High School, is on the east end of the school near the baseball diamonds. All produce will be donated to families in the Moline community and to the recently created Moline High School Food Pantry.

New Business:

- Rodd informed the Commission that the drop-off recycling site just West of the Moline Public Works Building, operated by Republic Services, will become single stream containers or perhaps one dedicated cardboard-only container and the others single stream.
- Diane suggested that information be posted on City website pages about how and where to recycle hard-to-recycle products. In addition, she suggested that there be a link to Waste Commission of Scott County education pages on our Moline City Recycling web pages; the Waste Commission page, <http://www.wastecom.com/Content/Outreach/Recycling-Education.aspx> provides good info.
- Rodd reminded the Commission to review the City website <http://www.moline.il.us/> and to sign up for the City's automatic notification system where citizens can sign up to be notified about City news and particular programs <http://www.moline.il.us/list.aspx>

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:15pm. Motion seconded and passed.

Next meeting will be at 4:30pm, Thursday, December 13th, 2018 at the Moline Municipal Services Building.

Submitted by Susan Wolf, Secretary, Keep Moline Beautiful Commission