

## Keep Moline Beautiful

Meeting Minutes – 4:30pm, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Held at Moline Municipal Services Building

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

Absent: Geoff Manis

Also attended: Mary Lind, Laura Chumbley, Greg Johnson

Sue Ratkiewicz called the meeting to order.

Motion to accept the minutes of the April 11th, 2019 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: KMB will man a booth at the Touch-a-Truck event on May 11 from 9:00-noon. There was discussion and planning of particular activities and necessary supplies. Activities will include a recycling sorting game with grabbers and blue recycling bins and waste baskets, and photos with the Recycle Superhero cutouts. Booth volunteers will make an effort to educate visitors about common contaminants like wood, gift wrap, Styrofoam, diapers, soiled food containers and fabric items.
  - Blue Can Group: Sue reported that Keep Moline Beautiful members held a cleanup on along 27<sup>th</sup> St from 5<sup>th</sup> Ave to 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. on April 22<sup>nd</sup> with eight members attending. Rodd and Greg reported several neighborhood cleanups around the City during the weeks surrounding the Great American Cleanup and Earth Day, including Peterson Park, the Floreciente neighborhood, and Stevens Park. There was discussion to nominate particular Neighborhood Partnership groups for a recycle superhero award in the fall.
  - Garden Guardians: Rodd explained that the gardens and Butterworth Parkway may not be open until the end of July. While conditions are improving, the duration of the flood event may have eroded the area. Rodd will let Mary know when the Garden Guardians work can resume after the flood waters recede and the gardens are safe to work in. Mary met with Geoff to discuss what garden adoption entails so that he can help recruit interested WIU Parks and Rec program professors and students.
  - Arbor Day: Greg reported that on Arbor Day, two fruit trees were planted at Washington Elementary. Mayor Acri gave the proclamation to 130 Washington students.
  - School Outreach: Sue reported that with help from the KMB and the City, Moline High School teachers, Amy Ciucci and Zahra Suss and twenty students held a cleanup at the high school on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

New Business:

- Mayor Acri will appoint a new City Council liaison to the Keep Moline Beautiful Commission to replace Lori Turner.

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

Next meeting will be at 4:30pm, Thursday, June 13th, 2019 at the Moline Municipal Services Building.

Submitted by Susan Wolf, Secretary, Keep Moline Beautiful Commission