

Keep Moline Beautiful

Meeting Minutes – 4:30pm, November 8, 2012
Held at Moline Public Works

Attended by: Scott Raes, Sue Ratkiewicz, Kristen Bergren, Lori Turner, Susan Wolf, Kathryn Allen, Doug House, Marcia Lintz, Hannah Turner and Diane Slover.

Sue Ratkiewicz called the meeting to order.

Motion to accept the minutes of the October 11th, 2012 meeting was made and seconded. Motion carried.

Doug welcomed Hannah Turner of Black Hawk College's Clean Sphere group and Alderman Scott Raes.

Old Business:

- Recycle Super Hero: Doug reported on the 2012 City of Moline Recycle Super Hero Award nominees. The commission voted to award individual awards to Gary Kerofsky, Pam Lohman, Nancy Edlund and Mayor Don Welvaert and the business/organization award to John Deere Seeding Division. Awards will be presented at the November 13th city council meeting. Doug has ordered the awards and notified the recipients.

Committee Reports:

- Cool Cities: Cool Cities initiative new agreement has been signed by Mayor Welvaert. The City of Moline is a finalist for the Illinois Governor's Sustainability Award and the Mayor and Rodd will attend the ceremony in Oak Brook on November 9th, 2012.
- America Recycles Day/Recycling Education: Kristen informed the committee that the K-2 KMB-sponsored recycling education contest has been awarded to Ellie Hull's 2nd grade class at Logan Elementary, Moline. Kristen recommends that we sponsor the older student contest in the fall next year and the K-2 in the spring. Kristen will work with Rodd to get a photo of the winning class in the newspaper.
- *Earth Week Fair*: will take place Thursday and Friday only, April 18 and 19th, 2013. Doug has a budget for the fair and the sub committee will meet separately to work on the KMB booth. Ideas were discussed to ask Nancy Edlund, one of the Recycle Super Hero award winners, to share some of her items and ideas of recycled crafts for the Earth Week Fair booth as display items and possibly activities. Others suggested incorporating the recycled-plastic-hand chair, a guessing game with the crushed, aluminum can cubes, and a bottled vs. tap water tasting game.
- Adopt a Park and Street: Doug informed the committee that the shelter at Browning Park is being renovated.
- College Projects: Hannah Turner informed the committee that Black Hawk College Clean Sphere is planning a week of alternative spring break volunteer events. Hannah asked if the City needs volunteers for particular projects that she could organize volunteers for through her alternative spring break program. Hannah will contact Doug and Rodd to discuss specific projects possibly at Green Valley Park.
- Garden Guardians: Doug informed the committee that the City Hall gardens have been cleaned and will be newly landscaped in the next weeks. The committee is hoping to get the city entry point gardens replanted.
- Neighborhood Partnership: the neighborhood cleanups are done for the year. There are currently nine neighborhood partnerships working with the City.
- Great American Cleanup: No news.
- Join Hands Day: No news.
- XStream Cleanup: No news.
- Arbor Day: No news.

New Business:

- Rodd Schick will attend the National Keep America Beautiful conference in Washington, D.C in January 2013 and asked for a committee member to join him. The committee nominated Marcia Lintz to be our representative if she can get permission for vacation days at that time.

- Doug received notice that the City received a \$6,000 grant from the Illinois EPA. Last year's grant purchased hard wood trees and recycle stations. Doug will report on how this new grant will be spent.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:30pm. Motion seconded. Motion carried.
Next Meeting will be at 4:30pm, Thursday, January 10th, 2013.

Submitted by Susan Wolf, Temporary Secretary, Keep Moline Beautiful Commission.