

Keep Moline Beautiful

Meeting Minutes – 4:30pm, January 10th, 2013
Held at Moline Public Works

Attended by: Mary Lind, Sue Ratkiewicz, Rodd Schick, Kristen Bergren, Lori Turner, Susan Wolf, Kathryn Allen, Doug House, Marcia Lintz, Steve Timm, Diane Slover, Brittany Ackerland

Sue Ratkiewicz called the meeting to order.

Motion to accept the minutes of the November 8th , 2012 meeting was made and seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- *Earth Week Fair*: will take place Thursday and Friday only, April 18 and 19th, 2013. Rodd would like to know what the subcommittee needs as far as materials. The subcommittee (Sue, Kristen, Lynn Garrison, Lori and Susan) will meet separately to work on the KMB booth. Doug will contact Midland Davis to ask if they could loan us a cube of aluminum cans and a cube of plastic bottles for kids to guess how many items are in the cube, but more importantly how much energy will be saved by recycling these.
- Rodd Schick and Marcia Lintz will attend the National Keep America Beautiful conference in Washington, D.C January 29-31, 2013.

Committee Reports:

- *Blue Can Group*: Kristen volunteered to come up with a recycling contest for 3rd-5th grades for the spring. Kris recommends that the commission should sponsor this older group contest in the Fall next year.
- *Great American Cleanup*: will take place on Saturday, April 20th, 2013 and does not conflict with Earth Week Fair, as in past years; so more of us will be able to participate.
- *Garden Guardians*: Mary will deliver 2013 applications to participants.
- *Cool Cities*: Kathryn informed the commission that more and more cities are implementing energy saving measures of aggregating a community's energy sources to provide a green option for residents , often at lower cost than traditional sources. The Quad Cities seems poised for adopting these types of measures, considering we are in the wind power belt of the US. Kathryn will contact Dan Mann, of Quad Cities First (an economic and marketing arm of the Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce) and Iowa Wind Energy Association member.
- *Adopt a Park and Street*: Mary suggested that her neighborhood adopt 27th St., North of 12th Ave. She will contact her neighborhood representative.
- *College Projects*: Steve reported that Western Illinois University, Macomb campus has a very active environmental group and he will keep the commission abreast of the Moline campus activities regarding the new LEED certified construction for the new campus. Steve noted the high cost and additional paperwork of attaining LEED certification. Brittany started the Black Hawk College alternative spring break program last year and other environmental stewardship programs. She will talk with Hannah Turner, of Black Hawk College's Clean Sphere group, who is planning this year's alternative spring break volunteer events.
- *Neighborhood Partnership*: Lori will check with the City Planning committees to see if construction companies that are being considered for the old hospital site project are considering green principles.
- *Join Hands Day*: No news.
- *XStream Cleanup*: No news.
- *Arbor Day*: No news.

New Business:

- Rodd noted that the City of Moline was awarded the Governor's Sustainability Award in

November and at the award event, the keynote speaker was Nikos Avlonas, founder and president of the Centre for Sustainability and Excellence, a global sustainability strategic advisory and training organization, who discussed ways of adopting green building strategies without the cost and paperwork of other certifications. Rodd will check to make sure that the Governor's Sustainability Award is highlighted on the City of Moline and Keep Moline Beautiful websites.

- Doug received notice that the City received a \$6,000 grant from the Illinois EPA. The money will be used to create a bioretention system in the Green Valley Nature Preserve near the Rock River to partially treat water quality, attenuate nonpoint source pollution and flooding potential at this river tributary.
- Doug reported that 5 electric utility vehicles (E Gators) have been approved for purchase for the City fleet.
- Sue suggested that WQAD has a three-degree-guarantee contest where particular organizations receive the donated money for that month. She will check to see if KMB is eligible for this.
- Brittany suggested that the AmeriCorps program might be a great way for Keep Moline Beautiful to get funding for a person to work on some of the commission's projects. She will look into how non-profit groups apply for a position.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:40pm. Motion seconded. Motion carried.

Next Meeting will be at 4:00pm, Thursday, February 21, 2013 at the River House Restaurant.

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