

Keep Moline Beautiful

Meeting Minutes – 4:30pm, April 10th, 2014.
Held at Moline Municipal Services Building

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

Sue Ratkiewicz called the meeting to order.

Motion to accept the minutes of the , 2014 meeting was made and seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Blue Can Group: Rodd reported that 15 entries from 5 classrooms from 3 Moline schools were submitted for the writing contest for 3rd-5th grade Moline students to receive a free KMB-sponsored field trip to Earth Week Fair. Two students from 2 classrooms were chosen by the KMB contest subcommittee as the contest winners.
- Earth Week Fair: Rodd ordered supplies for the Earth Week Fair KMB booth and Kristen and Susan created the “recycling cootie catcher” paper activity and had copies printed for the fair.
- *Great American Cleanup*: Rodd reported that the April 26th Great American Cleanup preparations and partnerships with neighborhood groups are going well. There will be a picnic for all the volunteers at noon on the 26th at Prospect Park. Kathryn inquired about the possibility of Moline and other Quad Cities passing a city-wide ban on plastic shopping bags like other American cities have done.
- *Garden Guardians*: Mary reported that there are 3 plots available for adoption. Rodd will put an ad in the newspaper and Doug suggested that we advertise the availability at the Earth Week Fair booth. Mary sent a detailed garden plan to Western University’s Garden Guardian group as a helpful guide and Rodd met with the group recently too. Mary suggested that Western students working in their garden plot would be a great photo op for the Dispatch Argus. Mary will notify all Garden Guardians that the 2014 Upper Midwest Master Gardener conference is in Bettendorf, Iowa, June 25-28th in hopes that our Butterworth Parkway gardens will be in good shape by then.
- *Cool Cities*: Kathryn suggested that the KMB commission ask Don Welvaert to speak about MidAmerican Energy’s wind power initiatives.
- *X-Stream Cleanup*: Kathryn suggested that the bike path on the Rock Island/ Moline border along the Rock River would be a good new site.
- *Join Hands Day*: Rodd reported that there will be 70 Augustana students and Modern Woodman employees involved in Join Hands Day planting/cleaning at Riverside Park.
- *Adopt-a-Street*: Rodd reported that there have been a few new adoptions.
- *College Projects*: Susan will speak with Augustana professors Michael Reisner and Reuben Heine about the Sustainable City partnership between municipalities and colleges and universities.
<http://sci.uoregon.edu/sustainable-city-year-conference>
- *Arbor Day*: Rodd is getting a Moline school lined-up to participate in the annual Arbor Day plant-a-tree tradition.
- *Neighborhood Partnerships*: Doug has been calling neighborhood leaders to organize cleanups.

New Business:

- Kathryn suggested that she and Kristen and Adam get together to discuss some of the “20 universal ingredients for revitalizing downtowns” that Kathryn and Kristen heard about at the Keep America Beautiful keynote address given by the Roger Brooks International’s tourism/downtown development & marketing team.

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

Next Meeting will be at 4:30pm, Thursday, May 8th, 2014 at the Moline Municipal Services Building.

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