

Keep Moline Beautiful

Meeting Minutes – 4:30pm, December 8th, 2016.
Held at Moline Municipal Services Building

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

Also attended: Kate Helms and Laura Chumbley

Absent: Diane Slover, Adam Holland

Sue Ratkiewicz called the meeting to order.

Motion to accept the minutes of the November 10th, 2016 meeting was made and seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- *America Recycles Day*: The 2016 Moline Recycle Super Hero awards were presented to Doug House and HyVee Avenue of the Cities on November 15, 2016. Sue expressed appreciation to the City for displaying the Recycling Superhero cutout mascots at City Hall for the occasion.
- *LED Lighting Project*: Rodd reported that the LED lighting upgrade proposal was accepted by the City Council at the November meeting. Republic Electric is being considered as the project supplier, with City employees handling the LED replacement and retrofitting; work has already begun at the Library. Third shift City workers will retrofit and replace fixtures and bulbs in City offices during the night hours and day shift employees will work in conference rooms etc... With rebates from MidAmerican and savings in energy costs, the cost of the project will be recouped in 3 years. Every effort will be made to recycle the old bulbs and resell old fixtures. The project includes City facilities like the Library, the Fire Stations, some parking structures, the Public Works building, and City Hall. Rodd and Lori noted that most of downtown and River Drive street lighting is City-owned LED lighting already, and additional LED units are scattered throughout the City—street lighting that is not yet LED, continues to be converted piecemeal as time and funds allow.
- *Quad Cities Earth Coalition*: Kristen attended the meeting of the new organization which is working on its by-laws and website with a mission of “Connecting our Community to a Sustainable Future.”
- *Xstream Cleanup*: Kristen attended a recent meeting in which the first year of the new umbrella organization’s initiatives were assessed and reported; it was a good first year with 4,000 hours worked by 2,292 volunteers and over 12,000 lbs of garbage collected, 13 tons of materials recycled, and 150,000 acorns planted.
- *Adopt-A-Park*: Rodd reported that a new marketing position was created in the Parks Department. The new employee has plans to harness the power of social media to revitalize volunteerism in the Adopt-A-Park program and eventually enhance the Adopt-A-Street program. There was discussion that perhaps our city volunteer events could be advertised on the Xstream Cleanup and Quad Cities Earth Coalition websites to solicit more volunteers.

New Business

- Rodd asked for a volunteer to represent Keep Moline Beautiful at the Keep America Beautiful National Conference in Washington, D.C. January 24th-26th, 2017. Laura and Susan will look at their schedules and one of them will consider representing KMB.
- To celebrate the new year, the next KMB meeting will be held at Happy Joe’s Grill on River Drive on January, 12th, 2017 at 4:30pm.

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

Next meeting will be at 4:30pm, Thursday, January 12th, 2017 at Happy Joe’s Grill on River Drive, Moline.

Submitted by Susan Wolf, Secretary, Keep Moline Beautiful Commission