

Keep Moline Beautiful

Meeting Minutes – 4:00pm, June 8th, 2017.
Held at Moline Municipal Services Building

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

Also attended: Greg Johnson, Julia Fout, Laura Chumbley

Absent: Diane Slover

Sue Ratkiewicz called the meeting to order.

Motion to accept the minutes of the May 11th, 2017 meeting was made and seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- *LED Lighting Project:* Rodd reported that the LED retrofitting and replacement lighting project is near completion and rebates have been applied for and reduction in electricity costs have already been realized. He will present the savings report to City Council at the Commission of the Whole meeting in the next month or two.

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: Rodd reported that the Public Works Touch-A-Truck event was very successful; social media advertising seemed to boost number of visitors and the KMB recycle superhero cutouts were popular. McCandless Adopt-A-Park group has dissolved but Rodd and Greg are hopeful that another interested group will volunteer soon.
 - Garden Guardians: Greg reported that plaques were made for the new Garden Guardians and Greg has a few annuals left for Guardians to use if they want. The Ben Butterworth Parkway trail will be closed for about a week for the resurfacing of the trail. Greg and Rodd will walk the path with the contractor to assess tree trimming and the Garden Guardian beds that will be impacted during the work.
 - Xstream Cleanup Update: Kristen reported that Sierra Club, in partnership with KMB and Xstream Cleanup, will have a river cleanup on the Mississippi on June 17th. River Action will take care of removing all of the barrels that are littering the River from the spring floods.
 - School Outreach: Moline High School student Julia Fout reported on her interest in eliminating the Styrofoam lunch trays at the high school cafeteria. Adam sent Julia information of compostable trays used Downtown and Julia researched these biodegradable products. Julia is going to email Moline High School principal and the Moline district cafeteria vendor Chartwells.
 - Downtown Events: Adam reported that there are many festivals and events scheduled downtown and it takes coordinated collaboration by the City police, public works and Moline Centre for all of these to run smoothly. Adam also noted that the Bass Street fountain has been demolished and replacement will begin in mid-June.

New Business:

- Lori informed the commission of the wonderful news that her recent \$5,000.00 UPS partnership grant for a community apple tree garden was successful. Lori and KMB will work with Heritage Landscape and the City forester, Greg Masias, to choose varieties. Lori and Rodd will meet with a UPS local manager to organize a volunteer day of apple tree planting and mulching. Lori's grant proposal to the Jr. Board of Rock Island was declined.
- Rodd asked all commission members to be thinking of nominees for the Moline Recycle Super Hero award. He will email the nomination form to the commission.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:25pm. Motion seconded and passed.

There will be no July or August meetings.

Next meeting will be at 4:30pm, Thursday, September 14th, 2017 at the Moline Municipal Services Building.

Submitted by Susan Wolf, Secretary, Keep Moline Beautiful Commission