

Alton Beautification and Clean City Committee
Minutes of the Meeting May 6, 2010
Haskell House 3:30 p.m.

Members Present: Carolyn Gronemeier, Debbie Rowden, Carolyn Dooley, Matt Asselmeier, Sara McGibany, Darrell McGibany, Tom Weathers, and Margaret Renken.

Members Absent: Joe Blair, Rhonda Lewis, Sue Weber, Brad Cunningham, Laura Wallendorf, Mike Drake, and Sue Hardin.

Chairperson Carolyn Gronemeier called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the April 8, 2010 meeting were presented and approved by motion of Darrell McGibany, seconded by Carolyn Dooley.

Old Business -

Mini Grants: Although we do not know how much money we will have available for the grants this year, it was determined that we need to move on this matter now to have time for the application process and awarding the grants. Matt Asselmeier will put out a press release that the grants are available and the deadline for submitting applications is May 28th @ 3:00 p.m. We will make our decisions at the June 3, 2010 meeting. The grantees will be issued Home Depot gift cards.

Adopt-A-Block: The idea is to keep Alton clean. The next step from the clean-up is to assign areas for groups to agree to clean on a regular basis, such as every 3-4 months; one particular area could be assigned to several groups and on a rotating basis would be cleaned every month. We need to target our neediest areas, contact clean-up groups and schedule. The mission is to get groups to commit. A sub-committee of Darrell McGibany, Carolyn Dooley and Debbie Rowden was formed.

New Business:

Meeting Schedule: It was decided to keep the date and time of the meetings the same, pending checking with Brad Cunningham and Rhonda Lewis. Debbie Rowden agreed to make meeting reminder calls.

Our focus is the prevention and removal of litter. We would like to have the *Keep Alton Clean* signs replaced with *xxx Fine for Littering* signs. We would like to find better ways to report littering and warn litterers.

There was discussion on the feasibility of moving the *Farmers' Market* to the riverfront area.

Education Committee: Carolyn Dooley will bring the Education Kits to the July meeting.

Announcements:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:50. Our next meeting will be June 3, 2010 at 3:30 p.m. at Haskell House.