

Alton Beautification and Clean City Committee
Minutes of the Meeting July 1, 2010
Haskell House 3:30 p.m.

Members Present: Carolyn Gronemeier, Debbie Rowden, Carolyn Dooley, Brad Cunningham, Sara McGibany, Tom Weathers, Mike Drake, and Margaret Renken.

Members Absent: Rhonda Lewis, Sue Weber, Darrell McGibany, and Sue Hardin.

Also Present: Matt Asselmeier (Mayor's Office)

Chairperson Carolyn Gronemeier called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the June 3, 2010 meeting were presented and two corrections were noted regarding litter subcommittees: Carolyn Gronemeier, Carolyn Dooley and Debbie Rowden will work on the litter sign and post card, Debbie Rowden will work with Darrell McGibany on organizing volunteer groups. The amended minutes were approved by motion of Rhonda Lewis, seconded by Mike Drake.

Old Business -

Litter Post Card Update: Carolyn Gronemeier, Carolyn Dooley and Debbie Rowden met with Police Chief Hayes regarding the use of the Litter Post Card; the Chief agrees that this is a good idea but admits it is a low priority for his department; he is amenable to the signs. Carolyn Gronemeier and Matt Asselmeier are working to get five "Fine for Littering Up to \$500" signs to be put in our worst areas. We will ask Jim Schrempf to write an ordinance that the owner of a vehicle is responsible for tossed litter. There was discussion about how we can get access to dmV records; we passed a motion made by Sara McGibany, seconded by Carolyn Dooley, to approve funds up to \$100 to purchase access to the dmV website to research license plates. May see about having Riverbender put a litter reporting form on line.

Mini Grants: We have nine recipients; one project is completed. The Mayor's Tour will be August 15th.

Volunteer Groups: Darrell McGibany was unable be at today's meeting but reports that he is working diligently on organizing the volunteer groups.

New Business:

Replacement for Resigning Members: Laura Wallendorf and Joe Blair have resigned from the committee and will need to be replaced.

Litter Poster Contest: Christine Favilla and the Sierra Club will partner with us for the Litter Poster Contest. This year's contest will be done prior to our annual fall clean-up. Carolyn Dooley has a new anti-litter book for the schools, she will see if the Library will partner and pay for one book per school

City-Wide Litter Clean-Up: Will be in October, we should start working on this in August.

Seeking a Sub Committee Chair for enforcing the Trash Can Ordinance.
Consider send a letter to the Aldermen in support of the Litter Ordinance.
The Mini-Grant Program is a good candidate for a Governor's Hometown Award.

Announcements:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00. Our next meeting will be August 5, 2010 at 3:30 p.m. at Haskell House.