

Keep Alliance Beautiful Commission

Meeting Minutes

10-28-2019

Members Present: Elyse Zelasko, Marikay Colbert, Kathryn Miller, Jocelyn Zeedrich, Jamie Greiner, Marti Steiner

Members Absent: Beth Gray, Brittany Shields, Helen Miller, Sharon Andreani

Guests in Attendance: Joe Mazzola, Alan Andreani

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. at the City Administration building. The minutes from the 7/22/2019 meeting were motioned to be approved by Kathryn Miller and seconded by Marikay Colbert.

The coordinator report was given:

- A. Old Business: Hilles Monument had not returned Marti's inquiries in regard to cleaning the "Alliance monuments," but the mayor offered the possibility of them being cleaned in conjunction with other city monuments. September 6, Barb Sferra, Sharon Andreani, another community member, and Marti completed the Community Appearance Index with a score of 1.7, with "1" being the best to "4" being the worst. Seven organized groups have contributed to keeping Alliance Beautiful by painting fire hydrants over the summer/fall. Marti issued a "fire hydrant challenge" to City Council in early October with hopes of garnering more volunteers. Approximately half of the around 1400 hydrants, for which the city is responsible, have been painted. Marti passed out a spreadsheet documenting the 2019 recycling tonnage/reimbursement for the Recycling Makes Sense grant. Tonnage is up to 907 for the 3 quarters in 2019 compared to 760 tons in 3 quarters of 2018.
- B. New Business: Marti brought up the possibility of applying for a mini-grant to finance a traveling display about recycling. Green Alliance, a local group advocating education and empowerment to develop sustainability, is having a recycling program November 7 at 7 p.m. at Union Ave UM Church with panelists from STW Recycling district, Kimble company, Carpenter Metal Solutions, and a Mount Union University professor. They will give short presentations and be available for questions/answers from the community.
- C. Other Business: Joe updated the commission about ongoing projects with the Union Ave corridor, the Iron Horse trail, and the successful NIP program, in which the city was fully reimbursed for demolition of blighted/tax delinquent homes. The mayor talked about the original ordinance (1985) forming the KAB commission compared to the reworked 2006

ordinance, and how city council needs to update language for clarification on election of KAB officers and timing. All city commissions are to be patterned after city council with the election of chairman, vice chairman and secretary. Hopefully, if the mayor is re-elected, he can pursue this matter with city council, and the KAB commission can operate appropriately under updated rules.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting is for January 27, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.