City of Rapid City - Sustainability Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2018 – 5:30 PM

0. Attendance:
   a) Members: Kevin Crosby, Dr. Jennifer Benning, Eirik Heikes, Kelly Moore, Jason Phillips, Don Martinez, Alan Anderson
   b) Absent Members: Sherry Thurston, Lysann Zeller, Danielle Gage, Kelli Juhl, Matraysa Punderson
   c) Liaisons: Beth Anne Farley
   d) Guests: Elizabeth Kaiser, Eli Thurston, Angel Staley, Sara Pesek

1. Call to Order
   a) Kelly called the meeting to order at 5:35pm.
   b) Agenda review and approval
   c) Eirik mentioned that there are a few nonprofits such as Black Hills Fly Fishers and Back Country Hunters and Anglers that have been doing lots of good work to protect the resources of the Black Hills area. There was also a reminder of the downtown parking plan meeting 3/15/18 from 5-7pm at the Dahl Fine Arts Center.

2. Officers Reports
   a) Minutes: Eirik made a motion to approve the February 12, 2018 minutes. It was seconded by Jennifer and voted through by everyone.
   b) Social Media: No report was given. There was discussion about using go-to-meeting for members to log into meetings via internet or phone. Kevin suggested having a conference phone.

3. Subcommittees
   a) Hardrocker Energy Committee
      - Kelly and committee was very pleased with the student team and their presentation to the City Council.
      - There was good exposure and other interested people wanted to know how to get their services.
      - Richie Nordstrom a city council member and a member of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) was interested in getting more information from the students and suggested a white paper.
      - Currently no one manages the city’s energy usage.
   b) Earth Day Event
      - Allan provided an update in the absence of Sherry. He also provided a two page print out of the progress to date and tasks that still need to be filled.
      - 5 vendor spots still need to be filled
      - 2 speaker spots still open. It was suggested that the food sovereignty EPICS teams could present their work on bee boxes and green house design.
      - Volunteers still needed
      - Next meeting is 3/21/18 at 6pm
   c) Dark Skies
      - Kevin updated the progress of the upcoming event and handed out flyers for distribution to help promote the event.
      - There is going to be telescopes, vendors, and plenty of fun.
• They are in need of volunteers
• Diane said this is the last event she will host so hopefully she can find others interested in taking the event over so she can focus on trying to get policy implemented.
• Next meeting is 4:30 PM at the public library conference room
• It was mentioned that the International Dark sky Association (IDA) is looking for a location for their next event and Rapid City could be a potential candidate.
• Create a policy list/request

d) Awards
• Discussed the committee’s no show at the city council meeting for Western SD Community Action and the check list that was created to avoid this miscommunication from happening again.
• Eirik will write the press release and Kelly will contact Darla to get on the city council agenda for presenting the North Middle School Courtyard award.
• Beth Anne has awards and will get the plaques made for all 3 awards that need to be presented (Western SD Community Action, North Middle School, and RC Regional Hospital).

4. Guest speaker presentations

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5. Old business
   a) Review the IDA presentation
      • Don combined the survey results and they were reviewed by the committee. They can be found in the drobox.
      • Overall the survey results were very positive
      • Over 50 people attended this event
      • There was discussion about how many of these types of events should be done a year. 2 to 3 events a year was the consensus. There was also discussion about having a follow-up forum discussion to discuss the topic in more depth based off the key finding provided by the survey.
      • Possible future events Solar energy committee, Engineering with Nature (Benning)

6. New business
   a) June 4th is the proposed presentation date for presenting our annual report. Thus, we need to start preparing the report.

7. Informational Items / Upcoming Meetings & Events
   a) Next Meetings:
      • Feb 21, 2018, 6 PM, Earth Day planning meeting via Phone
      • March 26, 2018, 5:30 PM. Second, monthly, scheduled meeting, presentation format.
      • April 9, 2018, 5:30 PM. Standard meeting format
b) Upcoming events:
   - Dark Sky Festival planning meetings are the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 4:30pm at RC Public Library.
   - Earth Day planning meeting via phone/computer. Wednesday, March 21, 2018 6pm

8. Adjournment
   a) The meeting was adjourned at 7:01pm.

9. Additional Information
   a) http://www.rcgov.org/public-meetings/city-committees/standing-committee-on-sustainability-497.html
   b) www.facebook.com/RapidCitySustainability/

Minutes taken by Jason Phillips.