Rapid City Sustainability Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 26, 2018 – 5:30 PM
3rd floor west meeting room, Rapid City Administration building, 300 6th St, Rapid City, SD 57701

1. Attendance
   a) **Members Present:** Sherry Thurston, Dr. Jennifer Benning, Danielle Gage, Kelli Juhl, and Lysann Zeller
   b) **Absent Members:** Kelly Moore, Kevin Crosby, Jason Phillips, Don Martinez, Eirik Heikes, Alan Anderson, Matraysa Punderson
   c) **Liaisons:** Beth-Anne Ferley
   d) **Guests:** Elizabeth Kaiser

2. Call to Order
   a) Dr. Benning called the meeting to order at 5:44 pm.

3. Officer Reports
   a) **March 12, 2018, Meeting Minutes:** Approval of the minutes was tabled due to the number of committee members in attendance not constituting a quorum.

4. Subcommittee Reports
   a) **Earth Day:** Sherry gave an update on the upcoming Earth Day event.
      ▪ There will be a quilt raffle, kids’ crafts, leaf post-it note activity, etc.
      ▪ Vendors and speakers are mostly lined up.
      ▪ Timeline and overview files were sent to all committee members.
      ▪ A music act (i.e. acoustic guitar) may still be needed if anyone knows of someone.
      ▪ Next Earth Day meeting will be April 11th at 6 pm.
      ▪ Sherry said she would likely volunteer to coordinate the event next year as well.

5. Guest Speaker
   a) **Danielle presented on her capstone project for her degree at Penn State:** “Trump Administration’s Proposed Offshore Drilling Plan: Where Does Florida Stand?”
      ▪ Questions and discussion followed about offshore drilling, uses of crude oil, alternative energy, and local foods/food miles.

6. Old Business
   a) **Annual Report:**
      ▪ Kelly emailed a copy of last year’s annual report with a few changes to the committee members.
      ▪ The presentation needs to be updated further with last year’s accomplishments before the committee presents at the June 4th, 2018, City Council meeting.
      ▪ Lysann offered to update the report so the committee would have a draft to work with.

7. New Business
   a) **May 14th Sustainability Committee Meeting:**
      ▪ The third floor west meeting room at the City Administration Building will not be available so a different meeting place is needed for this date.
      ▪ Lysann said she would try to reserve the Hoyt Room at the library for this meeting.

8. Informational Items
   a) **Next Meetings:**
      ▪ April 9, 2018, 5:30 pm – First monthly scheduled meeting of the RCSC
      ▪ April 11, 2018, 6 pm – Earth Day planning meeting via phone
      ▪ April 23, 2018, 5:30 pm – Second monthly scheduled meeting, presentation format
b) **Upcoming Events:**  
   - Dark Sky Festival planning meetings are the 1\textsuperscript{st} and 3\textsuperscript{rd} Mondays of the month at 4:30 pm at RC Public Library  
   - Dark Sky Festival – April 20\textsuperscript{th}  
   - Earth Day Event – April 22\textsuperscript{nd}

9. **Adjournment**  
   a) The Meeting was adjourned around 6:40 pm.

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

*Minutes taken by Lysann Zeller.*