

City of Rapid City - Sustainability Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2018 – 5:30 PM

0. Attendance:

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

1. Call to Order

- a) Kevin called the meeting to order at 5:35pm.
- b) Agenda review and approval
- c) Eirik and the committee members commended Sherry on all her efforts for organizing the Earth Day Expo. Kevin mentioned an upcoming event Life is a Cycle to learn about commuting to work via bicycling.

2. Officers Reports

- a) Minutes: Kelly made a motion to approve the March 12, 2018 minutes. It was seconded by Eirik and voted through by everyone. Jennifer made a motion to approve the March 26, 2018 minutes. It was seconded by Jason and voted through by everyone.
- b) Social Media: No report was given. There was discussion about using social media. The City Attorney hosted a meeting to discuss social media and privacy to make sure that city entities were aware of policy and following it to prevent any law suites. The main point was to make sure you have permission from the people, especially children, if you are posting them on Face Book. Beth-Anne and Keli talked about protocol for using social media and to keep work and personal pages separate. Kelly said he will send out the information that was provided at the meeting. He was the only one from the committee to attend.

3. Subcommittees

- a) **Earth Day Event**
 - There will be 36 vendors and everything is coming together nicely
 - Sherry emailed everyone updates
 - Next tele conference is April 11, 2018
 - Chevy and Toyota are coming with their electric vehicles
- b) **Night Sky Festival**
 - Preparation is going great
 - Please let Kevin know if anyone has time to help run the RCSC booth/table. So far only Lysann and Kevin have volunteered
- c) **Hardrock Energy Committee**
 - Students are in the process of writing a white paper and getting ready to count lights again in the C-SAC building
- d) **Awards**
 - I. RC School District North Middle School Courtyard (Eirik) - April 16
 - Eirik will contact Kumar to confirm availability and send out the press release to Daryl Shoemaker

- Confirm that we are on the agenda for the city council meeting
 - Remember to wear name tags
 - Beth-Anne will get the plaque ready
- II. Western SD Community Action (Don) - July 16
- III. Rapid City Regional Hospital (Lysann) - Oct. 15
- IV. Quarterly presentations to the City Council. Next available date is Jan. 22.

4. Guest speaker presentations

Date	Theme	Presenter	Liaison
April 23	Annual Report	Kevin Crosby	
June 25	RC Hospital	Elizabeth	Lysann
Oct. 22	Engineering with Nature	Army Corp of Eng.	Dr. Benning
Jan. 21	Community Solar	GenPro	

- Sara is going to send out some info (couple paragraphs) on what direction we want GenPro to discuss community solar (i.e. storage, how long is the pay back, buy-in, etc.)

5. Old business

a) Annual Report

- Lysann is working on a 2018 draft and it is in the drop box
- Presentation to the City Council will be June 4, 2018

b) May 14 meeting location

- Our meeting will be in the Hoyt Room in the library

c) Brochure

- Lysann has created a new version and it needs to be printed

d) Remote Meeting Attendance

- To dial out must dial 9 then number
- Kevin will write some language for the by-laws

6. New business

- a) EPA Environmental Education grant (Jennifer/Jason): Does the RCSC want to be a sub-grantee and request \$5k to “promote low impact development, smart growth, and water resources protection.” Vote to approve letter of support.

- Kelly made a motion to approve a letter of support and be a sub-grantee for the EPA Environmental Education grant. It was seconded by Eirik and voted through by everyone.

7. Informational Items / Upcoming Meetings & Events

a) Next Meetings:

- April 11, 6:00pm: Earth Day planning subcommittee meeting via phone
- April 16, 4:30pm: Night Sky Festival planning subcommittee in the RC Library conference room
- April 23, 5:30pm: RCSC meeting, presentation format
- May 14, 5:30pm: RCSC meeting: *alternate location in Hoyt room at the RC Library*
- May 28: NO MEETING (Memorial Day)

b) Upcoming events:

- Night Sky Festival: April 20, 7-9pm at Main Street Square
- Earth Day Expo: April 22, 9am-4pm at Rapid City Fairgrounds
- RCSC Annual presentation to City Council: June 4

8. Adjournment

- a) The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 pm.

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.