City of Rapid City - Sustainability Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 25, 2018 – 5:30 PM

0. Attendance:
   a) **Members:** Kelli Juhl, Matraysa Punderson, Kevin Crosby, Kelly Moore, Jason Phillips, Sherry Thurston, Lysann Zeller, Danielle Gage
   b) **Absent Members:** Eirik Heikes, Don Martinez, Dr. Jennifer Benning, Alan Anderson
   c) **Liaisons:** Karl Merbach
   d) **Guests:** Elizabeth Kaiser (Regional hospital), Robert Raker (W.River Electric), Bryan Mitchell, Anne Bowman, Joseph (W.D.T), Richie Nordstrom

1. Call to Order
   a) Kevin called the meeting to order at 5:33pm.
   b) Agenda review and approval

2. Officers Reports
   a) Minutes: Kelly made a motion to approve the April 09, 2018 minutes. It was seconded by Kelli and voted through by everyone.
   b) Social Media: For any request to add material to the Facebook page please send the request to the Rapid City Sustainability Committee Gmail account so Matraysa can add the material.

3. Subcommittees
   a) **Earth Day Event**
      - Date for the next years’ event is set for April 27, 2019
      - It will be at the 4H building and there will be a tent for outside activities
      - Bring suggestions and tweaks for the next event/promotions
   b) **Awards**
      I. Western SD Community Action (Don) - July 16
         - Contact Lindsey (Kevin)
         - Need press release
         - Contact Beth-Anne for plaque
         - City council meeting starts at 6:30 PM
      II. Rapid City Regional Hospital (Lysann) - Oct. 15
      III. Quarterly presentations to the City Council. Next available date is Jan. 22.

4. Guest speaker presentations

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- Both presentations were very informative on their sustainability related efforts
- The W.D.T food insecurity team took first place in the national NSF competition hosted in D.C.
  - The future goal for W.D.T. team is to build a geodesic dome behind their campus for further research and development
- Liz Kaiser (R.C. Regional Hospital)
  - 70% of some of the new construction buildings will be supplied by solar energy
  - Upgraded to 8 bee hives and are producing their own honey
  - They are using the farm to table approach to supply food to patients, workers, and guest
  - They participate in global efforts to help people by giving away unused/older medical equipment and supplies to 3rd world countries

5. Old business

6. New business
   a) **Conference Attendance:**
      - Some discussion on sending a few committee members to a sustainability conference
   b) **Communication with Mayor’s office:**
      - Have Darla update us on City Council needs to help them with any items on the agenda that fit our strategic plan
      - Robert mentioned partnering with economic development groups etc. as a means to help impact sustainable decision making.
   c) **Western Governor’s Conference Annual Meeting:**
      - Kevin briefly mentioned this event that was happening in Rapid City and thought it might be worth looking into it further for next year.

7. Informational Items / Upcoming Meetings & Events
   a) Next Meetings:
      - July 9: RCSC meeting
      - July 23: RCSC meeting

8. Adjournment
   a) The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm.

9. 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 Jason Phillips.*