City of Rapid City - Sustainability Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2018 – 5:30 PM

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

1. Call to Order
   a) Kevin called the meeting to order at 5:33pm.
   b) Agenda review and approval
   c) Allen – CCL group went to Thunder valley on 8.13.2018. Sustainable community with 8 to 10 homes built and more to come, job creation - went from 3 to 65 employees, food desert – community gardens. Opportunity for a potential speaker for the committee. The homes are being sold to tribal members. They have a hard time getting home loans on the reservation land. CCL is having a regional conference Sept. 27, 28, 29, and 30th in Rapid City with the main focus being on sustainability.

2. Officers Reports
   a) Minutes: July 9th minutes still need to be approved (No Quorum)
   b) Social Media: None
   c) Treasurer: None

3. Subcommittee Reports
   a) Awards
      I. Western SD Community Action (Don) - complete
         • Presentation went well and we had good attendance from committee members.
      II. Rapid City Regional Hospital (Lysann) - Oct. 15
         • Don and Lysann will move on getting this award ready
      III. Quarterly presentations to the City Council. Next available date is Jan. 22. So keep your eyes and ears open for potential award candidates
   b) Earth Day Event
      I. Nothing new

4. Guest speaker presentations

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- Sept.24 – A LOT needs to happen to get this event locked in!
  - Still need a venue!
5. Old business
   a) Remote meeting attendance:
      • No update
   b) Committee Marketing Materials:
      • Beth Anne has them
   c) Table at Black Hills Farmers Market – Plug-in America (Sept. 15th):
      • Follow up with Sherry (Kevin)
      • Could be used to promote Sept. 24 event and make the committee available
   d) Conference Attendance - AIA Design in the Hills:
      • Lysann, Eirik, and Jason attended this year’s event that was held in Custer, SD one day and Rapid City the next.
      • We visited the Star Academy which is being repurposed as a sustainable light industrial complex/incubator for business development. Their goal is to be net zero energy use and carbon neutral. Very little information was shared on the actual business coming in or owners that purchased the property.
      • We attended a presentation/discussion on RAW student design build program where students learn hands on design and then build what they design. We also visited their first project ever completed which is south of Custer up in the hills. Next, we visited the Spar plant in Custer which was the topic for the design charrette. We also toured the old elementary/middle school that is being repurposed into the new city hall and YMCA, the Regional Hospital Healing Garden, and a presentation on the Rushmore Societies new location in Rapid City next to Teddy’s Bar and Grill.
      • The second day was the design charrette on repurposing the Spar plant into something the city of Custer could benefit from.
      • Overall the event was informational and they (AIA) really enjoyed us being there and said it was beneficial to have people outside of their field of work attend and be a part of the design charrette.
   e) Strategic Plan:
      • No update

6. New business
   a) KOTA Radio:
      • The live broadcast went very good. Kevin and Beth Anne did a good job representing the committee.
   b) SDSM&T Projects (Benning):
      • Turning Rapid City’s fleet into EV
      • Continuing the energy audit on CSAC building
      • Converting the land fill fleet to methane gas power
      • Green Streets/Alleys
   c) New subcommittee structure:
      • Divide members into their interested subcommittee to make it easier to focus on that one thing instead of everyone trying to focus on everything. The possible sub committees could be Awards, Educational Events (Earth Day, etc.), City Facilities, Housing, Transportation infrastructure, and Low Impact Development.

7. Informational Items / Upcoming Meetings & Events
a) **Upcoming Meetings & Events:**
   - Aug. 27, Sept. 10, Oct. 8 & 22: Regular RCSC meetings
   - September 15: Plug in America Event at Farmer’s Market
   - September 24: EV Presentation
   - October 15: Regional Health Award
   - **October 22 – Regular meeting at Horizon Point (BHE)?**

b) Beth Anne had her annual sustainability camp and it was a success. There were 9 kids that attended and they did various activities related to sustainability. One activity was to make solar ovens out of pizza boxes.

c) Darla Drew mentioned that the water ordinance will go to vote August 15th.

8. **Adjournment**
   a) The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 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.*