City of Rapid City - Sustainability Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2018 – 5:30 PM

0. Attendance:
   a) Members: Kevin Crosby, Jason Phillips, Lysann Zeller, Alan Anderson, Kelli Juhl, Sherry Thurston, Dr. Jennifer Benning, Danielle Gage
   b) Absent Members: Kelly Moore, Eirik Heikes, Don Martinez, Matraysa Punderson
   c) Liaisons: Beth Anne Farley
   d) Guests: David Johnson, Eva Chase, Zach Burkhart, Ritchie Nordstrom, Elizabeth Kaiser, Karl Merbach

1. Call to Order
   a) Kevin called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.
   b) Agenda review and approval
   c) General Public Comments (a time for the public to express concerns to the Committee on any issue not on the agenda)
      • Allen – Dan O’Brien speaks at the Journey museum
        o Allen provided agendas
        o Around 90 people expected to attend (30 from Universities)
        o Most of the cost is for meals ½ off if no meals are needed
      • Plastic Pollution (Ritchie Nordstrom city council Ward 2)
        o During Hwy clean-up operations volunteers expressed their concerns with the large amounts of grocery bags that were picked up in the ditches and off the fences
        o The question is “What can we do to limit or eliminate this waste?”
        o Plastic bags also known as urban tumble weeds are starting to end up in livestock creating huge problems for them, even killing them
        o Rapid City currently does not recycle plastic bags because their recycling facility is considered a dirty MURF, thus there is no market for them. The MURF is considered dirty because of the composting operations
        o Plastic bags can be brought back to the stores, but only 3% of them make it back
      • Possible solutions:
        o Banning, use fees (The state has to be involved for most solutions so these efforts would need to be a city/state partnership)
        o Ordinances
        o Incentives – How would it work and where would the money come from?

2. Officers Reports
   a) Minutes: Allen made a motion to approve the September 10, 2018 minutes. It was seconded by Jennifer and voted through by all.
   b) Social Media: None
   c) Treasurer: None

3. Subcommittee Reports
   a) Awards
      I. Rapid City Regional Hospital (Lysann) - Oct. 15
• Lysann sent press release out for approval to Liz and Don
• Beth-Anne will get plaque made
• Please Attend

II. Breadroot is a potential candidate (Benning)
  • Highlight their bag incentive

4. Guest speaker presentations

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• Sept.15 – EV event follow-up
  o Overall the event went good
  o There were dealerships there and they are starting to see the bigger picture and they seemed more interested and involved this year
  o Weather was a little bad and the booth was kind of tucked away so it was a little difficult to get to
  o Panel discussion went really good

• Jan.21 – Community Solar
  o Tabled for one of the sub committees to take on

5. Old business
   a) New subcommittees:
      • No official vote yet
      • 3 main subcommittees are Events/Education/Outreach, City Facilities, & Sustainable Development
      • Each member is deciding what sub-committee they want to be on
   b) Strategic Plan:
      • Please review
   c) VW Settlement Funds:
   d) Remote Meeting Attendance: 605.721.3358

6. New business
   a) Epics/Hardrocker Sustainability: None
   b) Discussion to increase membership to 14 members, further discussion is needed

7. Informational Items / Upcoming Meetings & Events
   a) Upcoming Meetings & Events:
      • Regional Health Award: October 15
      • RCSC meetings: October 22 – Regular meeting at Horizon Point (BHE) and 10/29 (special meeting)
      • No regular meetings on holidays: 10/8, 11/12, 12/24

8. Adjournment
   a) The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 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.