City of Rapid City - Sustainability Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
January 14, 2019 – 5:30 PM

0. Attendance:
   a) Members: Kevin Crosby, Jason Phillips, Lysann Zeller, Alan Anderson, Kelli Juhl, Sherry Thurston, Dr. Jennifer Benning, Eva Chase, Danielle Gage,
   b) Absent Members: Don Martinez, Matraysa Punderson, Kelly Moore, Hal Weidman
   c) Liaisons: Beth-Anne Farley, Darla Drew
   d) Guests: Zach Burckhard, Rick Bell, Karl Merbach, Sheryl Rowe

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)
      • BH Energy has their Electro Expo this Thursday
      • Dakota Rural Action (DRA) meets 2nd Tuesday each month from 6-8

2. Officers Reports
   a) Minutes (Jason): Lysann made a motion to approve the December 10, 2018 minutes. It was seconded by Alan and voted through by all.
   b) Social Media (Matraysa): No update
   c) Treasurer (Danielle): Ordered 196 stainless steel straws at a total cost of $498.19. No banners were purchased at this time.

3. Subcommittee Reports
   a) Education/Events/Outreach
      i. Award Application for BREAD Root
         • Press release is done and plaques are getting done
         • Jennifer will present award.
            ○ There was some discussion on if it would be a conflict of interest for Jennifer to present the award since she is on the voluntary board for BREAD root.
      ii. Earth Day
         • Rick Bell (DRA) announced that Plug in America is going to be a part of the Earth Day event this year.
         • There was some discussion about DRA and RCSC rolls/involvements. An MOA is being drafted.
      iii. January solar Event
         • This event is no longer going to happen in Feb. so it is looking like it will happen sometime in the fall.
      iv. Zach Burckhard volunteered to do a presentation on hazardous household waste for the Household waste event coming up.
   b) City Facilities
      I. City Admin Building
         • No update
      II. Civic Center
- Needs more recycling

III. BHE Renewable Ready Service Tariff
- BH Energy is developing a wind farm and is offering buy in for a ready service Tariff
- Rapid City has expressed interest

IV. Downtown street lighting (vision fund request)
- There was discussion about how they mentioned being Dark Skies compliant in their proposal.
- An email was sent by a concerned citizen to the Mayor asking about the V.W. settlement funds, but there has been no reply.
- Sherry updated the V.W. fund process and they are now accepting applications in the transportation sector.
- There was some discussion about assisting with helping the city apply for these funds.

c) Sustainable Development
- Zach has a draft put together for the next working meeting.
- Jason started working on some stormwater/LID/Pollinator project ideas.

4. Old business
a) Remote Meeting Attendance: (Room 605.721.3358) – by request only
   - [www.uberconference.com/rapidcitysustainability](http://www.uberconference.com/rapidcitysustainability) and/or call 781.448.4875 pin 69244
   - Need to specify if you are going to call in for remote access
b) Membership update: Eva Chase is our newest member.
   - Hal is a member but has missed the last 3 meetings due to medical reasons
   - Zach B. has applied to be a member
   - Liaisons should be outside sources.

c) East Middle School request
- There has been good discussion about ideas for different projects to bring solar energy to schools.
- This item will move under the sustainable development subcommittee.

5. New business
a) Meeting Duration:
   - There was discussion about the lengths of our meeting and how it is difficult to be completely done by 6:30. With the increase in membership there seems to be more discussion and updates. There was discussion of extending the meeting until 6:45 since that seems to be the time that we get done anyway.

6. Informational Items / Upcoming Meetings & Events
a) Upcoming Meetings & Events:
   I. Award Presentation at City Council 6:30pm 1/22
   II. Night Skies meeting 2pm, 1/23 @ Harriet & Oak
      - Kevin reached out to Dianne K. about Night Skies meeting. RCSC usually provides a liaison to the meeting. If anyone is interested please let Kevin know
      - Dark Skies is also doing a double matching fund if anyone wants to donate.
   III. RCSC “working” (subcommittee) meeting 1/28
      - Bring your work/ideas for the working session at the next meeting.
IV. No meeting 4/22 due to Earth Day event

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

8. 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.*