City of Rapid City - Sustainability Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2019 – 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**: Don Martinez, Matraysa Punderson, Hal Weidman, Eva Chase
   c) **Liaisons**: Beth-Anne Farley
   d) **Guests**: Robert Aker (WRE), Zach Burckhard, Kelsey Murray (WDT), Brian Mitchell (WDT), Sheryl Rowe, Fred Thurston

1. Call to Order
   a) Kevin called the meeting to order at 5:34 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)
      i. Beth-Anne received an email from a Western Colorado University graduate student wanting information on sustainability efforts happening in Rapid City.
      ii. Keli has Earth Day shirts available for sale.

2. Officers Reports
   a) **Minutes (Jason)**: Lysann made a motion to approve the January 28, 2019 minutes. It was seconded by Sherry and voted through by all.
   b) **Social Media (Matraysa)**: No update
   c) **Treasurer (Danielle)**: No update

3. Subcommittee Reports
   a) **Education/Events/Outreach**
      i. **Awards**
         - **WDT ATTUNED (aquaponics) project** application needs to be reviewed and voted on.
         - Other discussion about this project:
            o WDT wants possibly 3 judges from the RCSC to judge the new projects for the second phase of their prototypes. These will be revealed at the Earth Day Event.
            o WDT is also in the process of starting a sustainability center and kicking off their aquaponics program and are requesting a letter of support for an NSF grant. Details are being worked out and they will get back to the RCSC with more details.
         - **Fork Real Café** is applying for an award and Lysann is taking the lead.
      ii. **Earth Day**
         - Sherry provided updates on the progress of the Earth Day event. To date everything is moving along smoothly.
   b) **City Facilities**
      i. **Civic Center**
         - Alan attended “Coffee with the Planners” and sat in on the Civic Center project. The Civic Center executive director said they are open to input from the RCSC.
• Need to set up a meeting for anyone interested.
• There was some discussion about the Public Utility Commission (PUC) 110 Mega Watt system that will consist of 500,000 solar panels. Google “lookout solar project”.

ii. BHE Renewable Ready Service Tariff
• Kevin gave a quick update and urges companies or business to support the tariff so there is enough buy-in to make it happen.

iii. City Admin Building
• C SAC building improvements/remodel was approved for VISION funds so this is a good opportunity to push the HARDROCKER Sustainability team’s study.

iv. Downtown street lighting (vision fund request)
• In the process of looking into this project to see how Dark Sky compliant it will be.

c) Sustainable Development
 i. Low impact Design
  ▪ Starting to work on LID projects
 ii. Housing
  ▪ Eirik is looking into the new housing ordinance and will update us.
 iii. Focus on RC Comp Plan
  ▪ Started looking into the comp plan to better align it with the subcommittees goals.

d) Other
 i. VW Settlement Funds
  ▪ Zach is working on this and will update.

4. Old business
 a) Remote Meeting Attendance: (Room 605.721.3358) – by request only
  i. www.uberconference.com/rapidcitysustainability and/or call 781.448.4875 pin 69244
  ii. Need to specify if you are going to call in for remote access
 b) East Middle School request
  ▪ There is no update.

5. New business
 a) Snacks
 b) Night Skies (Lysann)
  ▪ Lysann provided RCSC an update and the next meeting is March 5th at 4pm.

6. Informational Items / Upcoming Meetings & Events
 a) Upcoming Meetings & Events: next working meeting 2/25

7. Adjournment
 a) The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

8. 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.