



Meeting Minutes - Draft

June 24, 2019 5:30 PM

3rd floor west meeting room, Rapid City Administration building, 300 6th St, Rapid City, SD 57701

Members present: Alan Anderson, Dr. Jennifer Benning, Zach Burckhard, Kevin Crosby, Kelli Juhl, Sherry Thurston, Lysann Zeller

Others Present: Chesca Cedillo (Bestowed Essentials), Darla Drew (Liaison), Beth-Anne Ferley (Liaison), Karl Murbach, Garth Wadsworth

Votes Taken (other than approval of minutes)

None

Call to Order – 5:35pm

Approval of 6/10/19 Minutes – Moved by Kevin, 2nd by Alan, approved unanimously

Public Comments

- Dr. Benning announced her resignation from the committee pending an out of state move.
- Beth-Anne will no longer be with Rapid City Solid Waste as of early July. Future of associated educational programming is uncertain at this time and RCSC materials need to find a new home.

Officers' Reports

Chair & Vice-Chair: Lysann and Zach have been working on a draft for the RCSC Annual Report. They will send out a copy soon for committee review and potential presentation to City Council the 2nd meeting of July.

Secretary: Minutes

Treasurer: No official report, BUT Darla did inform the committee that City Council approved an increase in our budget to \$2000.

Old Business

Draft for RCSC Annual Report should be available soon.

New Business

Sherry submitted a report with the results from the Earth Day Expo. Highlights include;

- a. 300+ people in attendance, up from last year
- b. 50 kids participated in aquaponic activity
- c. 95% of vendors will likely return next year to WDT location
- d. \$4800 available in Expo account through DRA
- e. Looking for higher profile keynote speakers
- f. Venue change should improve efficiency of prize dispersal, increase vendor participation and activities
- g. Meetings will begin this fall to start organizing

Darla Informed committee about the “Nature for the Nation “walking play:

Black Hills Playhouse brought in (at high cost) a MN Theatre company to present an outdoor walking play this Labor Day week-end August 29-Sept 1. It features music and conversation between Ralph Waldo Emerson and Henry David Thoreau, both prominent early American naturalists and writers. There will be 5(?) showings at a cost of \$15 a ticket (18 and under free). There is no limit on ticket sales and they can be purchased at the BHP website. Spread the word!

Informational Items:

Meetings: Regular 7/8, Sub-Com. 7/22, Regular 8/12, Sub-Com. 8/26

Hazardous Waste Collection Event, October 12, Central States Fair Grounds, 8am- 1pm

Adjournment – 6:17pm

Subcommittee Reports

Only the Education/Outreach sub-committee convened to discuss the plastic bag initiative. The group outlined some basic goals and brainstormed. Nothing was definitively decided.

Three possible routes to the elimination of single-use plastic bags; legislative action through mandated bag bans and /or taxes, business participation and public outreach.

Which route or combination of routes would be most successful?

When should stakeholders be asked to participate and what is our specific ASK?

Other ideas pitched were...

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| Parking lot signage | Tax on plastic bags |
| Task force development | Local ordinances |
| Corporate partnerships | Social Media campaign |
| Re-useable bag program | Recycling guide |
| Identify financial impact | Clerk training |

Adjournment

