



Meeting Minutes - *Draft*

September 9th, 2019 5:30 PM

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

Members present: Alan Anderson, Zach Burckhard, Liliias Jarding, Kelli Juhl, Pepper Massey, Jason Phillips, Garth Wadsworth, Lysann Zeller

Others Present: Sherry Thurston

Votes Taken (other than approval of minutes)

No votes taken

Call to Order – 5:31 pm

Public Comments

- Nametags are on order
- “Nature” play was excellent and well attended
- The sustainability award form has been updated
- Questions about whether or not there is local participation in the Global Climate Strike

Officers’ Reports

Chair & Vice-Chair: No report

Secretary: Minutes – Moved to approve the minutes by Alan, 2nd by Zach, approved.

Treasurer: Jason is in contact with Kelsey from the City and keeping track of recent expenditures

Social Media Coordinator: No report

Old Business

- a. **Plastic Bags** – Kelli reported that Cory has left the Stock Show and referred us to Rebecca Bader. Pepper has an idea for someone else we can contact and thinks we should try to get the booth for free. She volunteered to run down that information. Kelli is still trying to assemble a task force.
- b. **Solid Waste/Recycling-**
 - i. Kevin’s letter sent. No response.
 - ii. EPICS Landfill Paper – EPICS is still convening but have moved discussions from the landfill to the Civic Center. Zach plans to be a possible advisor to the EPICS group.
 - iii. There was considerable discussion about what course of action the committee should take with regard to the sustainability positions. Most of the group favored pushing for the Solid Waste Coordinator at this stage because of its importance to the success of the recycling and composting programs at Solid Waste. It was also pointed out that it since the position is already funded, money would not be a barrier to success as it might be for a city-wide coordinator. Lysann will be taking steps to ask if Public Works officials will meet with us to find out what is going on at Solid Waste. Kelli voiced a concern that if the Solid Waste Supervisor is not in support of the position (as one might assume from the lack of positive communication), coercion from his

superiors will not compel him to like it and could undermine any effort from a new hire. So, research for the city-wide coordinator will continue in the background and might count as a plan "B" should the former fail.

New Business

- **Farmer's Market Table Event** (Sept. 7th) - Those who participated with the tabling event said that there seemed to be a lot of interest and it was fun. It was recommended that we do it again and hand out brochures for recycling, bees, Drive Electric and Toxic Waste collections, etc.
- **Apiculture** – The Bee Conference is postponed. Information to come....
<https://www.wdt.edu/about/conferences>
<https://www.wdt.edu/assets/docs/uploads/about/conferences/apiculture-conference-flyer.pdf>
<https://www.facebook.com/events/644463616044001/>
- Real Fork Café Award Presentation to City Council should be October 7th. Please come in a show of support if you can.
- BH Farmer's Market Award will be tabled for a vote later as it will be three months before we can schedule another Council presentation.
- Update on the VW settlement – A new round has started for truck rebates. Zach contacted Parks, Public Works, Fire & Police Dept.'s and the Airport for possible participants.
- Upcoming meetings appear to land on holidays. We decided to convene on Native American Day (Oct. 14) and cancel for Veteran's Day (Nov. 11) and Christmas Eve Eve (Dec. 23).

Subcommittee Reports- None

Informational Items –

Sub-Com. 9/23, Regular meetings 10/14,
Drive Electric Event @ Hay Camp Sept. 17 at 4-8pm
Hazardous Waste Collection Event, October 12, Central States Fair Grounds, 8am- 1pm
Climate Conference in April – more info to come later.

Adjournment – 6:50

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kelli Juhl

