

City of Rapid City

Sustainability Committee – Regular Meeting

May 9, 2016 – 5:30 PM

	Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members: Kevin Crosby, Eirik Heikes, Don Martinez, Kelly Moore, Eldene Henderson, & Dr. Jennifer Benning • Liaisons: Jerry Wright (City Council), Beth-Anne Ferley (RC Sustain. Coord.), Karl Merbach (RC Solid Waste), & Lysann Zeller (Black Hills Council of Local Governments) • Guests: Dianne Knutson (Dark Skies), Alan Anderson (DRA), Darla Drew (RC Councilwoman), Cheryl Jarding (community garden supporter), & Richard Draeger • Absent Members: Carol Jundt (on leave of absence), Emily Fisher, David Johnson, & Nisa Kerr
I.	Call to Order	Eirik called the meeting to order at about 5:39.
II.	Approval of Minutes & Agenda	Eldene made a motion that we approve the 4/25/2016 meeting minutes and the agenda for this meeting. Jennifer seconded. All in favor – none opposed. Motion passed.
IV.	Welcome Liaisons & Guests	Guest and liaison names and affiliations/interests are noted in the attendance section above.
III.	General Public Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Darla Drew: Riley Casey is a young Indian man who is very concerned about the impact that the Parks Department’s pesticide applications has on bees. His idea is to have the department post their spraying dates in the newspaper. How can we help?
V.	New Business	<p>A. Subcommittee Reports</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. Arbor Day</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">i. The event will be at 9am, May 14, at Jackson Disc Golf Park. We should all plan to attend.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">ii. Jerry will read the proclamation and bring the RCSC banner which Jennifer currently has.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b. Sustainability Conference</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">i. The subcommittee has not met in the last few weeks. Their next meeting</p>

will be this Friday (May 13) at 1:15pm in the Parks Department building on West Blvd.

- ii. The event is planned for September 2nd which is the Friday of Labor Day weekend. This may allow some people to attend while visiting the area on vacation, but it may also reduce attendance due to vacations. This date should be reconsidered by the subcommittee.

- 1. For the first year we want to focus more on serving the local population.

c. Local Foods Subcommittee

- i. Lakota Homes is putting in a community garden.
- ii. A map of community gardens and a list of their coordinators should be created. Beth-Anne is working with the SDSU Extension Office and an AmeriCorps person to do this.

d. Awards Subcommittee

- i. The next subcommittee meetings will be next Tuesday (May 17) at noon in the Black Hills Energy building on Deadwood Ave.
- ii. [handout] They created a draft of a new application.
- iii. Several suggestions were provided. They will make changes and bring a second draft to the next meeting.

B. Sustainability Coordinator Biweekly Report (Beth-Anne)

- a. Wade Schutz is her first intern from Black Hills State University. He will be working on the recycling education center gardens and will help with the sustainability camp.
- b. She also hired a school teacher who is going to help with print communication and social media. ...She can help with posting info about our past and present award recipients on Facebook.

C. Strategic Planning Session

- a. We had a discussion about the most effective way to complete transforming our list of brainstormed goals into a final document.
- b. Kevin made a motion to use subsequent meetings to tackle one topic each time. A champion will be assigned for each topic in advance to research, make proposals, and guide the discussion. Kelly seconded. Motion passed.
- c. Kelly (with help from Don and Kevin) will lead the discussion about energy at our next meeting.

D. Nomination of new Officers

- a. Eirik will step down as the chair in June. He would like to elect new officers at our next meeting on May 23. Officers serve one-year terms. We will elect a treasurer (we do not currently have one).

E. Social media and website

		a. We are considering creating a new logo. Work on new designs.
VI.	Consent Agenda	A. Historical Quincy house salvage B. Art Education and Sustainability in Schools (Eldene) C. STAR Rating System for Communities D. Storm water Basin Education with Cathie Draine E. SDSMT & BHSU collaboration F. Business Recycling G. Tree Planting at the new soccer fields (Jerry) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The west side may not be the best place for a shelter belt because there is a possibility of future construction on that side. Pat Wyss, of Wyss Associates, is helping with the landscape plan. Jerry already has commitments to fund about 15 trees at \$400-600/each. H. 2017 Committee Budget Discussion I. Green Drinks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The next event will be at the Garage on May 16 at 5:30pm (3rd Monday of every month). J. Website updates
	Other Comments	
IX.	Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 6:48.
X.	Next Meeting	The next meeting will be May 23, 2016 at 5:30pm @ Community Room of CSAC.
	Addition Information	www.rcgov.org/Community-Resources/sustainability-committee.html www.facebook.com/RapidCitySustainability/