



## Meeting Minutes - Draft

January 27, 2020 5:30 PM

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Mayor's Conference Room, Rapid City Administration building, 300 6th St, Rapid City, SD 57701

**Members present:** Alan Anderson, Kevin Crosby, Kelli Juhl, Pepper Massey, Garth Wadsworth, Lysann Zeller

**Others Present:** Amy Amann, Dana Birney, Ria Harper, Karl Merbach, Patricia Scarborough

**Votes Taken** (other than approval of minutes)

NONE

**Call to Order – 5:35 pm**

**Agenda Approval**

**Public Comments**

- RC considering Kadoka Rails to Trails project
- Coffee with Planners – Feb 5<sup>th</sup> 9am -1
- UPS stores will take excess packaging, peanuts etc.

**Officers' Reports**

**Secretary:** Minutes – Minutes unavailable to approve, will approve at next meeting

**Treasurer:** No report

**Social Media Coordinator:** No report

**Old Business**

- a) **Sustainability Award:** Farmer's Market Award will have a date set soon for the presentation at City Council
- b) **Black Hill PBR:** Tabling event at Fantastic Fungi movie was less robust than we had hoped, but gave us an opportunity to modify/improve things before next time. Also, we discussed what to do about Senate Bill 54 – the ban on a plastics ban legislation. The first draft of a letter has been written and we waiting to hear if our group can lodge an official opinion on behalf of the City.
- c) **Solid Waste/Recycling update:**
  1. Jancie Knight is looking for grant funding/help to replace six recycling containers at the City Admin building.
  2. Alan has volunteered to represent RCSC in reviewing the RC Solid Waste Master Plan. Thank you, Alan!!!
- d) **Dark Skies:**
  1. Black Hills Energy involved with helping to get better street lighting fixtures for city.
  2. Dark Skies compliance will be presented/discussed at the Coffee with Planners Wed. 5<sup>th</sup>
  3. Dark Skies Event at Journey Museum April 19<sup>th</sup>

e) **Earth Day Expo:**

1. Hunter Lovins is confirmed and Kelli is in regular contact with her agent.
2. Final touches on MOU are being done and will need to be submit to the City Attorney before signed.
3. Spots for banners have been reserved and our Emcee (Thank you, Pepper!) has consented to participate again this year.
4. Plans are well under way

**New Business** (abbreviated reports, as we were running out of time)

- a) EPICS- No report
- b) Awards-It was suggested that dark skies and plastic reduction efforts be included as criteria for sustainability award nominations. Another one to consider is the SD Hall of Fame 'Acts of Excellence' Award. Deadline has passed for it this year but can considered in subsequent years.
- c) Landfill has consented to giving a tour for those interested. A doodle poll will be sent out to schedule the best day. It'll likely be between 12:30 and 1:30.
- d) Kadoka recreational trail – City has put in a bid for the purchase of the right of way for the trail. There are others bidding as well. Let the City know if you are in favor of this "Rails to Trails" project.
- e) GBCI organization has a new name/program for the LEED sustainability assessments/certifications called "LEED for Cities"
- f) Renewable Energy Resolution – Not discussed
- g) Square Space would cost about \$120/year for RCSC website. We'll consider further after word from City Admin and IT office.
- h) SDSM&T Sustainability Club – Lysann was very encouraged by the number of things going on at the school including getting the wind generator running again. A boy scout merit badge in Sustainability is being offered and the school is looking for volunteers (March 7-8). Details were in a separate email.
- i) "Bee City" certification was voted through. Yeah!

**Sub-Committee Reports** – Sub Committees met tonight

**Education/Outreach/Events -**  
**City Facilities –**  
**Sustainable Development –**

**Informational Items –**

Coffee with Planners 2/5  
Plastic Bag Task Force (PBR) 2/6 at 6:30pm at Haycamp  
Regular meeting 2/10  
Expo Meeting 2/12 2pm  
World Water Day – March 21 at the Journey  
RC Flood march memorial – June 7th

**Adjournment** – 6:45

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kelli Juhl

