



# Meeting Minutes

June 22, 2020 5:30 PM

Zoom Meeting

**Members present:** Zach Burckhard, Kevin Crosby, Liliias Jarding, Garth Wadsworth, Lysann Zeller, Ria Harper, Kelli Juhl (late)

**Others Present:** Jancie Knight (Solid Waste), Bill Evans (RC City Council), Cathy Thrash

## Votes Taken (other than approval of minutes)

A change was made to the bylaws to allow for a License and Trust account.

**Call to Order** ~ 5:32 pm

## Agenda Approval

## Public Comments

- Lysann will put a RCSC sticker in the donated library book
- There are some new city council members

## Officers' Reports

**Secretary:** A minor change was made to the July 8 minutes. Motion by Liliias, second by Alan, approved by all.

**Treasurer:** Lysann will get her receipts to the mayor's office.

**Social Media Coordinator:** Garth is making some improvements to the website as suggested by Zach. Others should suggest improvements too.

## Old Business

- Sustainability Award:** Bill recommends waiting until council meetings are more normal. Lysann needs to update quilt connection. Open to suggestions for other ways to present the awards.
- Black Hills PBR:** (no update)
- Solid Waste/Recycling update:** The city council approved \$700k to update solid waste plan, but it was contentious. Bill said the 2009 study has not been used enough and was supposed to last through 2045. Jancie explained that the study did not accurately project city and regional growth. They also started grinding in 2017, which doubled compaction rates. Confusion about where the request for the new study came from. Bill said it should have come from the standing Solid Waste Committee, which last met 9 years ago. He may try to restart the committee and would like a RCSC representative. He would like the landfill management staff to set more direction and parameters for the study. Jancie explained that they are open to meeting with city council members and explaining this. Jeff Barber is officially the superintendent now and Dan Roth is the Landfill Supervisor. Both were promoted.
- Dark Skies:** Lysann reached out to the Youth City Council Environmental Committee, but they have not responded yet.

- e) **Local Food & Gardening:** Kevin will reach out to Kelly Moore to ask if he has any suggestions.
- f) **Annual presentation to City Council & strategic plan:** Bill recommends doing the presentation in person. Focus on presentation and focus less on strategic plan for now. Bill recommends being visionary: "This is what we would like to see Rapid City be in 10 years." Reach out to Lysann if you are interested in helping.

### **New Business**

- a) **Committee Bylaws change for License & Trust:** The following will be added to the bylaws *"The Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, or Secretary of the Rapid City Sustainability Committee have authorization to handle all financial transactions for the License and Trust account set up through the Rapid City Finance Department. All transactions will need to be approved by vote from the Rapid City Sustainability Committee prior to the date of transaction. The City of Rapid City and the Treasurer of the committee will track all transactions. ~~The funds in the account need to be spent or revolve every two to three years.~~"* Alan made a motion to approve, Liliass second, all approved. Passed.
  - a. Lysann will send out a draft bylaws change allowing virtual meetings soon. We need to make sure the meetings stay accessible to the public.
- b) **Rapid Creek Watershed:** Liliass told the committee about this new effort. Coalition of eight organizations in "Rapid Creek Watershed Action" creating a recreation area by federal law of Rapid Creek upstream of Rapid City. Would require mineral claims withdrawal. Forest Service title change. State, Tribal, and Federal still have the same designations. It will prevent mining. Sheridan Lake is already protected by federal law for recreation, but Pactola is not. Of the 198k acres, 24% is currently under mining claims. Looking for partners, petition signers, and donations. Hope to get the attention of our federal elected officials and get at least two of the three on board to make this happen. \$235k advertising effort. The committee will review and discuss more at subsequent meetings. They may try to get a City Council resolution. Lysann said that last time we ask the city attorneys about a letter of support from the RCSC for an issue we were told no, but we can ask again. More info is available on their new website: <https://www.rapidcreekwatershed.org/>.
- c) **Rapid City Adopt-A-Park Program:** Lysann asked Melissa Peterson about sustainability needs in parks. No response yet. The committee seems to be interested in volunteering to do this.
- d) **VW Settlement Funds:** SD DENR has a plan out for public comment. The committee discussed some comments. Lysann and Zach will formally comment on it. The committee should continue to work on electric vehicle infrastructure in Rapid City.

**Subcommittee Updates:** none

**Informational Items:** The next regular meeting will be on July 13 via Zoom.

### **Adjournment**

*Minutes submitted by Kevin Crosby*