



Meeting Minutes

July 27th, 2020 5:30 PM

Zoom Meeting

Members present: Zach Burckhard, Kevin Crosby, Liliias Jarding, Ria Harper, Kelli Juhl, Jason Phillips, Garth Wadsworth, Lysann Zeller

Others Present: Callee Ackland, Jancie Knight, Amanda Hill, Karl Merbach, Cathy Thrash, Kacey Larson, Bill Evans (City Liaison)

Votes Taken (other than approval of minutes)

Vote to approve changes to the by-laws regarding remote meeting attendance/voting. Please see Old Business 'G'.

Call to Order – 5:31 pm

Agenda Approval-

Public Comments

- Check into "Rail to Trails" project
- 2 outgoing committee members, Kelly Moore and Matraysa Punderson

Officers' Reports

Secretary: Kevin moved to approve minutes, 2nd from Liliias, for June 22nd. Motion carried.

Treasurer: \$1551.15 in the account. No other updates

Social Media Coordinator: Pictures posted on the clean-up and seemed to get a lot of attention on social media.

Old Business

A) DENR Volkswagen Settlement Funds for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (Garth)

i. Main Street Square/Downtown Parking Garage

Grant Money available for charging stations in parking spots downtown. RCSC might need to put together a recommendation in favor of installation of charging stations.

B) Rapid City Adopt-a-Park Program: Thomson Park Clean-up 7/25 (Lysann)

Collected a shopping cart full of garbage. Nine people signed in and two dogs were present (who presumably did not sign in...Hehe) It was quite hot and the group disbanded at about 11:15 because of the heat. And of course, there is much more to do. Suggestion made that we do the clean-up during a cooler time of the year.

C) Rapid Creek Watershed (Liliias): www.rapidcreekwatershed.org

Continuing to talk to many other businesses and organizations to help build a coalition and collect signatures in support of this project. There are a lot of ways to support this effort. See if we can get some petition signatures from the City Council.

D) Annual Strategic Plan & Presentation to City Council

Lysann has not been working on the plan specifically, but is working on a presentation for the council. Showed the first draft she started. Comments on the draft should be submitted to Lysann by the Friday before our next meeting. Once we get the presentation closer, we can schedule the presentation in front of the council.

E) Rapid City & COVID-19: Local Foods & Gardening

Kevin reported some suggestions that were given by Kelly Moore regarding the local foods movement. These are his suggestions... 1) Work with Barb Cromwell to support and increase marketing for the Farmer's Market. 2) Work toward getting the chicken ordinance working well. 3) Begin developing community gardens especially in food deserts and low income areas.

i. Urban Hens Ordinance

Laura Armstrong wanted to know our position on the hen ordinance. Once the ordinance actually comes out, we should put out our recommendation.

F) Sustainability Awards:

Lysann in contact with Kelly Moore and will update next time.

i. Black Hills Farmers Market (Alan) – City Council presentation postponed (date tbd)

ii. Quilt Connection Nomination

iii. Hippie Haven, Bestowed Essentials, and Callee Ackland Nomination

G) Committee Bylaws Update for Online Meetings (Lysann)

Kelli moves to accept changes to the bylaws, Liliias 2nd the motion, no other discussion. Motion carried.

H) Diversity & Inclusion (Kevin)

Can we try to include native people on the committee?

New Business

A) Try to expand cooperative network with the youth city council and we have been invited to a park clean-up (see details in important dates)

Subcommittee Updates (as needed)

a. Education/Events/Outreach – Black Hills PBR (Plastic Bag Reduction)

b. City Facilities – Solid Waste/Recycling

c. Sustainable Development – Dark Skies

Important Events

Invitation for another clean-up by youth city council environmental committee at Founder's Park 8/28 11am starting with tailgate picnic

Regular meeting 8/10 by Zoom

Council presentation (in some form) to occur later this summer

Adjournment- 6:45

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kelli Juhl

