



# Meeting Minutes

August 10th, 2020 5:30 PM

Zoom Meeting

**Members present:** Kevin Crosby, Ria Harper, Kelli Juhl, Garth Wadsworth, Lysann Zeller, Alan Anderson

**Others Present:** Jancie Knight, Amanda Hill, Cathy Thrash, Bill Evans (City Liaison)

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

Voted to approve letter for designating parking spaces for EV charging stations downtown. See Old Business, item A. i.

**Call to Order – 5:34 pm**

**Agenda Approval-**

**Public Comments**

- Lysann checked into “Rail to Trails” project. No new news.

**Officers’ Reports**

**Secretary:** Kevin moved to approve minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> from Alan, for July 27th . Motion carried.

**Treasurer:** \$1551.15 in the account. No changes. While tossing around ideas for spending the remainder of this year’s budget, it was suggested that we purchase from the scouts some of their recyclable/compostable plastic bags for our clean-up events.

**Social Media Coordinator:** Possible “get to know our members” segment to highlight some of our great people.

**Old Business**

**A. DENR Volkswagen Settlement Funds for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations:** Alan looking into possible grants for Civic center EV charging stations and possible hotel participation, too.

**i. Main Street Square/Downtown Parking Garage –** Letter of Support to Mayor. Vote to approve the letter of support for designating spaces for EV charging stations downtown. Kevin moves, Kelli 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried. Thank you, Garth for drafting the letter.

**B. Rapid Creek Watershed Action (Lilias): [www.rapidcreekwatershed.org](http://www.rapidcreekwatershed.org)**

**i. Partner Vote:** Asking to make RCSC a partner to Rapid Creek Watershed Action to designate Rapid Creek watershed as a recreation area with a mineral claims withdrawal. Alan makes to motion, Kevin 2<sup>nd</sup>, quorum dropped, no resolution.

**ii. Letter of Support to City Council.** Rapid Creek Watershed Action is asking that we submit a letter of support to City Council in favor of designating the Rapid Creek water shed as a recreation area with a mineral claims withdrawal. Quorum dropped, no resolution.

**C. Annual Strategic Plan & Presentation to City Council:** No additional work done on that, but it was recommended that we avoid the council meeting during which the hen ordinance is being discussed.

**D. Rapid City & COVID-19: Local Foods & Gardening**

i. **Urban Hens Ordinance.** We will wait to submit a letter of support until we have a final ordinance.

**E. Sustainability Awards:**

i. **Black Hills Farmers Market (Alan)** –Discussed getting BH Farmer’s Market on the council schedule if Barb Cromwell is ready for the award.

ii. **Quilt Connection Nomination-** no update

iii. **Hippie Haven, Bestowed Essentials, and Callee Ackland Nomination-** no update

**F. Diversity & Inclusion (Kevin)-** no action at this time, but we will be thinking about how to partner with some other diverse groups. “SD State Table” and affiliating ourselves with a larger, more diverse tent of like-minded people.

**New Business**

a. **Committee Membership Update:** Amanda and Cathy are our two new applicants for the committee.

b. **Youth City Council Environmental Committee** Founder’s Park Clean Up: 8/22 @ 11 am - Starting with a tailgate picnic.

**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 8/22 11am starting with tailgate picnic

Regular meeting 8/24 by Zoom

DUMP tour to be set up and Bill will try to get council members interested in Solid Waste.

**Adjournment- 6:47**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kelli Juhl