



## Meeting Minutes

August 24th, 2020 5:30 PM

Zoom Meeting

**Members present:** Alan Anderson, Kevin Crosby, Ria Harper, Amanda Hill, Liliias Jarding, Kelli Juhl, Jason Phillips, Cathy Thrash, Lysann Zeller

**Others Present:** Bill Evans (City Liaison), Karl Merbach, Cory Ferguson

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

Voted to be an official partner with Rapid Creek Watershed- see old business, item b

Voted to submit letter to City Council about adopting a resolution to protect the upper Rapid Creek watershed as a recreation area. See old business, item b

Voted for changes in the award application – see new business, item b

Voted to allow Committee Chair to order necessary nametags for new members – see new business, item c

### **Call to Order – 5:32 pm**

**Agenda Approval-** Adding two items to new business

### **Public Comments**

- Xanterra in partnership with the Park Service earned LEED platinum designation!!!!
- Alan mentioned a solar project for Whispering Pines Fire Dept.
- Restarting coffee w/ planners – Sept 1<sup>st</sup> at 3 pm - chickens, bikes and civic center.
- There is an opening for citizens advisory position with the Metropolitan Transportation Organization (MPO)
- DUMP tour, Bill reported that it a very impressive operation.

### **Officers' Reports**

**Secretary:** Alan moved to approve minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> from Kevin, with changes to corrections to watershed item. Motion carried.

**Treasurer:** \$1570 in the account. We received \$2000 from the city again for the year 2021.

**Social Media Coordinator:** No additional news to report.

### **Old Business**

**a. DENR Volkswagen Settlement Funds for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (Garth)** The memo voted on during the last meeting did get submitted to the mayor's office. They are considering applying for funding for electric charging stations through the VW settlement. Discussed additional partners who might be interested in charging stations in the parking garage, and maybe additional spaces downtown.

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

i. Partner Vote - Asking for RC Sustainability to be an official partner declaring our support. Alan moved, Kevin 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

ii. Letter of Support to City Council – Asking the City council to adopt a resolution to designate the upper Rapid Creek watershed protected and as recreation area. Kevin moves to submit the letter, Kelli 2<sup>nds</sup>, motion carried.

**c. Annual Strategic Plan & Presentation to City Council** - no date set yet, but slides are being developed for the presentation.

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

i. Urban Hens Ordinance - waiting to learn about the language used for the ordinance, more to come. Possible to draft of memo to be developed in favor of hens ahead of the ordinance as it might move quickly after the ordinance is finalized.

**e. Sustainability Awards:**

i. Black Hills Farmers Market (Alan) – City Council presentation. Preferred to be ‘socially distanced’ and asking for ideas for presenting the award in some other way.

ii. Quilt Connection Nomination – no update

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

**f. Diversity & Inclusion (Kevin)** Put info in the Native Sun News and continuously invite others into the group.

**g. Youth City Council Environmental Committee Founder’s Park Clean Up** – 36 pounds of trash collected. Youth City council is still a little disorganized, but several students showed up. Discussed purchasing some trash picker-uppers.

**New Business**

a. Rapid City Parks & Rec Drinking Fountains – installing water bottle refilling stations?

b. Changes for the award application – Kevin made some small modifications to the application to specify a few other things. Alan moved to accept changes, Liliias 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

c. Name tags for all of our new committee members. Alan moves to allow Lysann (or committee chair) to purchase and pay for nametags (at a reasonable cost) into the future. Kevin 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

**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**

Regular meeting September 14<sup>th</sup> by Zoom, Possible outdoor meeting on Sept 28th

Drive electric event at Main St square October 3rd

**Adjournment- 7:01**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kelli Juhl

