



## Meeting Minutes

September 14th, 2020 5:30 PM

Zoom Meeting

**Members present:** Alan Anderson, Kevin Crosby, Ria Harper, Amanda Hill, Liliias Jarding, Kelli Juhl, Bryan Mitchell, Cathy Thrash, Garth Wadsworth, Lysann Zeller

**Others Present:** Bill Evans (City Liaison), Cory Ferguson, Ilke Celik, Jancie Knight, Patricia Scarborough, Amelia Nelson, Callee Ackland

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

None tonight

**Call to Order – 5:32 pm**

**Agenda Approval** - One addition - Possible appointment of Youth City Council Environmental Committee liaison under New Business – item D.

**Public Comments**

- Committee opening on Parks & Rec Advisory Board
- Be aware about the combination of state Environmental and Agriculture Dept's. Contact Liliias if interested in attending a meeting.
- Jancie commented about trying to get recycling in the schools, arena and airport.
- Kevin notified the committee via email that Mt. Rushmore Visitor Center has become LEED Platinum certified.! Yeah!

**Officers' Reports**

**Secretary:** Kevin moved to approve minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> from Liliias, so moved with corrections.

**Treasurer:** No report

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

**Old Business**

**A.** DENR Volkswagen Settlement Funds for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (Garth) – Lysann introduced herself to Craig Baltzer, Civic Center Director, and offered assistance if he is interested in designating electric parking places. He seemed open about it, but very overwhelmed and busy with arena project. There was much more discussion about possible places to put spaces, costs, matches, rebates and other EV topics. Grant deadline is Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>. We discussed creating a "cheat sheet" with all the pertinent information about the grant program so it can be easily disclosed to interested people.

**B.** Rapid Creek Watershed Action (Liliias): [www.rapidcreekwatershed.org](http://www.rapidcreekwatershed.org) – Recap of our votes during last meeting. RCWA has 18-19 partners now and trying to get the word out. Momentum building on the city council.

**C.** Annual Strategic Plan & Presentation to City Council – Considering October 19th

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

- i. Urban Hens Ordinance – no ordinance yet, seems to be a contentious topic

**E. Sustainability Awards:**

- i. Black Hills Farmers Market (Alan) – City Council presentation postponed (maybe Oct. 19th) – trying to get it scheduled possibly without Barb there. Cory might be able to accept the award for the Farmer’s market. Maybe doing the award on the date we do the presentation.

- ii. Quilt Connection Nomination – still trying to get info from Kelly Moore about this award and the iii. , the Hippe Haven award, too.

- iii. Hippe Haven, Bestowed Essentials, and Callee Ackland Nomination

**F. Diversity & Inclusion (Kevin) – No update**

**New Business**

**A. Coffee with Planners** - excellent turnout from Sustainability Committee. Topics were chickens, arena, transportation and walkways, especially the crosswalk at 6<sup>th</sup> st.

**B. SDSM&T Sustainability Committee Update (Alan)** – First Mines Sust. meeting in a long time took place last Fri. night. Alan attended and gave a short report. It seems that the EPICS program might not continue. Mines group is somewhat in disarray with Covid-19. We have a new liaison, Ilke Celik, and hopefully will have some new energy in the program with a lot of great ideas.

**C. New and Re-appointed Members’ Certificates of Appointment (Lysann)** – Lysann has the certificates for our new and re-appointed members. We don’t know when we’ll be able to meet again in person, but might receive those by mail.

**D. Appointment of liaison for Youth City Council Youth Environmental Committee (unofficially, Amanda Hill).** She is also the new leader of the Central High School Environmental Club and hopes to coordinate between the two organizations.

**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 28th by Zoom,
- Drive electric event at Main St square October 3<sup>rd</sup>

Additional discussion about possible City Sustainability Coordinator

**Adjournment- 7:17**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kelli Juhl

