



# Meeting Minutes

November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 5:30 PM  
Zoom Meeting

**Members Present:** Lysann Zeller, Kevin Crosby, Garth Wadsworth, Amanda Hill, Alan Anderson, Jason Phillips, Liliias Jarding, Ria Harper, & Cathy Thrash

**Others Present:** Marty Gillies, Karl Merbach, & Callee Ackland

## 1. Call to Order – 5:31 pm

### a. Introductions

### b. Agenda Approval – Approved without changes

### c. General Public Comments

#### i. From Lysann's 11/23 email with the agenda:

1. Urban Hens ordinance: Tabled by City Council at their last meeting on 11/16 ("tabled" means they didn't vote to approve or deny, the ordinance basically dies until a Council member requests to bring it up again).
2. Main Street Square's Volkswagen Settlement Funds grant: Applications for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations to be installed in the downtown parking garage have been submitted and they are working with the City on a MOU (Memorandum of Understanding).
3. Volunteer City Boards: The City is currently seeking applicants to serve on the Parks & Rec Advisory Board, Forestry Board, and Beautification Board (all under the Parks & Rec Department). If you're interested in applying, fill out a Citizen Interest Application online here: <https://www.rcgov.org/28-citizen-interest-application-mayor-s-office/4-citizen-interest-application.html>.

#### ii. Jason: SDSMT starting to use Trinity Eco-Prayer Park at a living laboratory. Grant from West Dakota Water Development District. Terrasite, RCS, and other groups are contributing at or below cost. Manages rainfall from almost the whole block.

## 2. Officers' Reports

a. **Secretary:** Alan made a motion to approve the minutes from Oct 26 and Nov. 9 with three minor typographical corrections to the Nov. 9 minutes. Liliias seconded the motion and all were in favor.

b. **Treasurer:** Jason said there were no changes.

- i. Cathy is still working on some new designs for printed collateral for us. She is working with a new designer and will have some ready for review before the next meeting. Lysann will ask the city what the deadline is for submitting expenses for reimbursement before the end of the fiscal year.

c. **Social Media Coordinator:** Amanda started posting member highlights. If you haven't submitted yours yet do it ASAP. Kevin reminded everyone to go to our social media pages and "like" posts.

3. **Old Business**
  - a. **Subcommittees & Assignments:** Lysann explained subcommittees again and made sure everyone had an assignment.
4. **New Business**
  - a. **Solid Waste Master Plan Stakeholder Group:** Alan previously helped select the contractor to create the plan. Dan Coons re-invited him to be on a stakeholder group to review the plan (~30 hours). Karl mentioned how important it is to have outside inputs in these types of plans written by engineers.
  - b. **Black Hills Energy Sustainability Goals – Letter to the Editor:** Lysann recapped request from Citizens for Responsible Energy Solutions and the previous emails about the announcement of the BHE sustainability goals. LTE must be less than 200 words. Several expressed conditional support for the idea. Lysann talked to someone at BHE at got more insight from them. Alan explained more about how Colorado is pushing them to do more renewables while Wyoming is still supporting coal. Liliias is not comfortable with a lobbyist asking us to do something to benefit a corporation. However, most people are in agreement we should write our own letter that brings addition to their goals while also encouraging them to do more. Alan will do more research. Lysann will also work on what a letter would look like.
5. **Subcommittee Breakout (6:13):** Subcommittees will report out at the next meeting.
  - a. **Education/Events/Outreach**
  - b. **City Facilities**
  - c. **Sustainable Development**
6. **Reconvene**
7. **Informational Items**
  - a. **Upcoming Meetings & Events:**
    - i. RCSC Regular meeting – Dec. 14, 2020. We will decide at the next meeting if we will meet on Dec. 28.
8. **Adjournment – 6:36**

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Kevin Crosby.*