



Meeting Minutes

December 14th, 2020 5:30 PM

Zoom Meeting

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

Others Present: Bill Evans (City Council Liaison), Honey H, Marty Gillies, and Cory Ferguson

Votes Taken (other than approval of minutes)

- Alan made two email motions – 1) to pay the invoice for the graphic design work done for the stickers (\$173.06) – and 2) to spend up to \$1300 for a bike maintenance station to donate to the community. Jason seconded the motion. I counted 7 email ayes, therefore the motion carried. Lysann informed the group that both of the requests were indeed processed in enough time to capture the money from our 2020 budget and the bike maintenance station will be donated to the Rapid City Parks & Rec Department (location tbd).
- Informal vote to revisit the diversity issue later when Covid isn't so prevalent. See Old Business item A.

Call to Order – 5:32pm

Agenda Approval – Approved without changes

Public Comments

- Affordable housing planning and zoning code updates under way – Marty asked for ideas
- City is doing Christmas light recycling event this year, receptacles at the grocery/ hardware store locations
- Boy Scout Sustainability merit badge event – need volunteers next March
- Dark Skies event next year – looking for help
- Lilia Jarding has resigned from committee and taken a new work position. Kelsey Sakos is leaving the City and Calli Pearson is the new contact person.

Officers' Reports

Secretary: Motion to approve minutes from Nov. 23rd by Alan, 2nd by Kevin, Motion carried.

Treasurer: No changes

Social Media Coordinator: Submit member profile info if you haven't already. Amanda doing a great job keeping our social media up to date.

Old Business

A. Diversity & Inclusion

i. Organization List, LNI, etc. – Should we still have this on the agenda? It was pointed out that we do not have any specific actionable items and we have made little progress to date. We might want to more specifically define our goals moving forward. Bryan made a motion to revisit this topic in March, Cathy 2nd, motion carried.

B. Sustainability Coordinator Position (Kevin) – Kevin forwarded some things to think about how to get the City to hire for a Sustainability Coordinator. He has been doing interviews with existing coordinators in other cities in order to draft a request to submit to Rapid City. Additional comment from Lysann, Alan, Ilke, Garth and Bill about possible job sharing/funding options.

i. City Opportunities List

C. Marketing Materials (Cathy) - Cathy has some sticker graphics to share, compostable sticker, bags and material. Cathy will work on pricing and other details for the graphics. They are really cute. Less than one week to spending deadline with the City.

D. Sustainability Awards:

i. Hippie Haven – City Council presentation tbd - maybe January

E. DENR Volkswagen Settlement Funds for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (Garth) Awards were announced and Main Street Square did not make the list. Only six chargers allocated along the interstate.

i. Downtown Parking Garage/Main Street Square

F. Rapid Creek Watershed Action: www.rapidcreekwatershed.org – Lysann will ask Liliias to keep us in the loop if important issues come up.

G. Rapid City & COVID-19: Local Foods & Gardening – could potentially spend money here for a possible pollinator garden.

H. City Committees Forum – no update.

I. Black Hills Energy Sustainability Goals – Letter to the Editor (Lysann) – no draft ready yet.

New Business

A. SDSM&T Sustainability Committee Meeting (Alan & Ilke) – December 3rd, discussion about sharing the coordinator position with MInes, good meeting.

B. NDN Collective Grant – Jeff Bezos Earth Fund \$12m for climate change initiatives – information about this? Need to do a little research about this....

Subcommittee Updates – No time, will move to next meeting agenda

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

b. City Facilities – Solid Waste/Recycling

c. Sustainable Development – Dark Skies

Important Events

Solid Waste stakeholder’s meetings Wednesday 12/16

Regular Meeting - 12/28

Still need to schedule a landfill tour.....

Adjournment – 6:52pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kelli Juhl