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, 2nd 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 2nd, motion carried. Thank you, Garth for drafting the letter.
B. Rapid Creek Watershed Action (Lilias): 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 2nd, 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