Meeting Minutes
January 25th, 2021 5:30 PM
Zoom Meeting

Members present: Alan Anderson, Ilke Celik, Kevin Crosby, Marty Gillies, Kelli Juhl, Patricia Scarborough, Cathy Thrash, Garth Wadsworth, Lysann Zeller
Others Present: Cory Ferguson, Bill Evans (Council Liaison), Callee Ackland

Votes Taken (other than approval of minutes)
• None

Call to Order – 5:32 pm
Agenda Approval – Approved

Public Comments
• Earth Day celebration meeting Wed. at 4pm
• Bike station received and ready to install.
• Update by Bill about things going on in council chambers.
• Patricia has been appointed an alternate member.

Officers’ Reports
Secretary: Motion to approve minutes from Dec 2th by Alan, 2nd by Kevin, Motion carried.
Treasurer: No new report
Social Media Coordinator: No updates

Subcommittee Planning Session

Each subcommittee convened in break-out rooms to discuss their potential goals and reported some of their highest priority objectives to the group. A summary of each group’s discussion resulted in a work plan. Please see work plan below (formatting lost in translation, sorry).

Important Events
Earth Day Planning Committee 1/27 at 4pm via Zoom
Regular meeting 2/8/21

Adjournment – 6.52 pm
Minutes respectfully submitted by Kelli Juhl
Rapid City Sustainability Committee
2021 Work Plan
((( SECOND DRAFT by Cathy Thrash ~ 2-7-21 )))

Mission Statement:
The purpose of the Sustainability Committee is to encourage education, stewardship,
and policy leadership that will make our community a leader in economic, social, and
environmental sustainability.
The Committee serves the City of Rapid City in several capacities including educating
citizens about sustainability through social media, hosting events, and working directly
with City Employees. It acts as a sounding board for citizens or groups who propose
sustainable efforts or practices, often encouraging them for further consideration. It
consults with and assists City Departments, including Public Works, Community
Planning and Development Services, and Parks and Recreation while serving as a
resource to the Rapid City Common Council. Committee members represent the City
as ambassadors at local/national events, and recognize sustainable efforts in the
community through its awards program.

Strategic Plan listed by Committee:

Education / Events / Outreach (EEO)
1. Continue work toward having a large regional presence for events (digital, physical
or combination of both, depending on the Covid-19 situation) for Earth Day,
Sustainability Fair, City-Wide Cleanup Week, Climate Day, SD Arbor Day, etc.
to raise awareness about sustainability, climate change
2. Continue work as a committee and with partners toward general education and
awareness (not necessarily event-based) using multiple platforms (social media, the
local news stations, physical signs, public speaking, etc.)
3. Continue work on PBR (Plastic Bag Reduction, single-use plastic reduction and
Hunter Lovins speaker project, as this was disrupted from C19
4. Begin work on other ideas namely an Eco-Tourism Conference, LOOP shopping
service, etc.

City Facilities (CF)
1. Prioritize energy efficiency as a priority in City new construction and remodels.
Energy audits would be a good tool to use to prioritize improvements with short
financial paybacks.
2. City demonstrates interest in renewable energy by the City Council passing a
Renewable Energy resolution stating city support of renewable energy, adding solar to a
RC school roof, and/or increasing use of electric city fleet vehicles.
3. Continue to encourage and support the City MRF in sustainability improvements
such as improving and expanding recycling, composting, and methane capture.
4. City Council, planning, and engineering departments require inclusion of Dark Skies
best practices in early design phases of all exterior lighting projects that the city has any control over.
5. City hire a Sustainability Coordinator.
6. Patricia’s other goals.

Sustainable Development (SD)
1. Work to expand alternative transportation infrastructure in Rapid City in order to improve the connectivity, safety, and affordability of the community.
2. Conduct a baseline carbon emissions analysis for Rapid City to assist with carbon reduction efforts going forward.
3. Assist with the creation of a pollinator garden in Rapid City to help promote and maintain the city's Bee City USA designation.
4. Incorporate Low Impact Design (LID) and Green Infrastructure (GI) principles into city stormwater practices.

End-of-Year Evaluation:
Each member will submit an estimate of hours spent volunteering, and the committee will review their goals in the June and January meetings (??) to assess their progress.

Events:
Earth Day Events
Award Presentations
((Anything else??))

Partners:
City of Rapid City (( Keep this here? Too obvious?))
Rapid Creek Watershed Action ((Keep this here?))
Dakota Rural Action
SD School of Mines & Technology
Western Dakota Tech

Budget:
The RCSC works on $2,000 per year funded by the city.

Current Meeting & Members:
Meetings are held every second and fourth Monday of each month in the Third Floor West Conference Room of City Hall beginning at 5:30 p.m. (Meetings have been held on Zoom platform during the Covid-19 pandemic).
There can be 12 voting and 2 alternate members.
Applicants from the fields of commerce, education, energy, local government, alternative transportation, planning, recycling, green building, and the community at large are encouraged to apply.
Ria Harper - Term Expires - August 2021
Kevin Crosby - Term Expires - August 2021
Alan Anderson - Term Expires - August 2021
Patricia Scarborough - Alternate - Term Expires - August 2021
Vacant - Alternate - Term Expires - August 2021
Lysann Zeller - Term Expires - August 2022
Kelli Juhl - Term Expires - August 2022
Garth Wadsworth - Term Expires - August 2022
Bryan Mitchell - Term Expires - August 2022
Marty Gillies - Alternate - Term Expires - August 2023
Amanda Hill - Term Expires - August 2023
Cathy Thrash - Term Expires - August 2023
Dr. Ilke Celik - Term Expires - August 2023
Jason Phillips - Term Expires - August 2023
Liaisons / City Reps: Bill Evans, Jancie Knight, Calli Pearson

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