



Meeting Minutes

February 8th, 2021 5:30 PM

Zoom Meeting

Members present: Alan Anderson, Ilke Celik, Kevin Crosby, Marty Gillies, Ria Harper, Amanda Hill, Kelli Juhl, Jason Phillips, Patricia Scarborough, Cathy Thrash, Garth Wadsworth, Lysann Zeller

Others Present: Callee Ackland, Bill Evans (City Liaison),

Votes Taken (other than approval of minutes)

- Email Vote 1 – Kevin made a motion to spend up to \$50 for a durable plaque on or near the bike repair station outside the Roosevelt Swim Center to say something other than “donated.” Marty 2nded the motion. Ayes from Amanda, Kelli, Alan, Jason, Garth and Cathy. Motion passed.
- Email Vote 2- Kevin made a motion to spend up to \$250 to cover all the expenses associated with keeping our RCSC website for another year. Marty also seconded the motion and again had ayes from Amanda, Kelli, Alan, Jason, Garth and Cathy. Motion passed.

Agenda Approval – Addition of quick comment in Old Business regarding Dark Skies (Item I.) and an addition to add time tracking in New Business (Item C.). Approved.

Public Comments

- Job posting cropped up for Electric Car Program Manager at Black Hills Energy
- USGBC (Green Building Council) SD State Senate bill 134 initiated to significantly weaken green building standards. Write legislators.
- Earth Day shirts at earthdayshirts.com

Officers' Reports

Secretary: Motion to approve minutes from Jan. 25th by Alan, 2nd by Kevin as corrected, Motion carried.

Treasurer: No new report to account.

Social Media Coordinator: No updates, but has four remaining member features on ‘on deck’ for Facebook.

Old Business

A. 2021 Work Plan – Subcommittee Planning Session Goals – All in all, committee was pleased with the work plan submitted by Cathy (Thank You, Cathy!). Consensus seems to be allotting more time to review the document and think about adopting the plan with potential action steps.

- i. Education/Events/Outreach
- ii. City Facilities
- iii. Sustainable Development

- B.** Bicycle Maintenance Station Donation to RC Parks & Rec (Lysann) – no new updates, but likely installed in Memorial Park.
- C.** Sustainability Coordinator Position (Kevin) – No more information tonight
- D.** Marketing Materials – Sticker Design (Cathy) – No other updates, but requested to throw that over to the education sub-committee. Callee had some ideas about eco-friendly stickers- Soul Creation Shop.
- E.** Sustainability Awards:
 - i. Hippie Haven – Presentation tbd – Lysann hasn't ordered the plaque yet in an effort to make one trip for the other bike station plaque, too.
- F.** DENR Volkswagen Settlement Funds for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (Kevin/Garth) – no updates but there will be an open public comment period soon.
- G.** Rapid City & COVID-19: Local Foods & Gardening
 - i. Pollinator Garden – YFS spear-heading gardening effort. Lysann reached out and is waiting to hear back. Jason added comments about the rain retention spaces and how we might be able to work together.
- H.** Black Hills Energy Sustainability Goals – Letter to the Editor (Lysann) no additional updates
 - i. Solid Waste Management Plan Update (Alan) – no updates, next meeting is in March. Lysann asked Ria about her work out at the landfill. Spots are open for clean-up opportunities during clean-up week.
- I.** Dark Skies initiatives in Rapid – was brought up at the council meeting and considered by all but four council members since the bids came in so low. Bill suggested we schedule a presentation for the council.

New Business

- A.** Member certificates and nametags – Lysann is taking care of nametags for new members and sending out new member certificates.
- B.** RC Clean-up week – Bill attended Beautification meeting and discussed clean-up week. Also, no coordination of departments for storm water, water and sewer plans.
- C.** Time tracking – suggested a few ways to keep track of time. Possibly starting retroactively Jan 1.

Informational Items

- a. Black Hills National Forest Unsustainable Logging Letter
- b. Citizens for Responsible Energy Solutions: Poll Materials on Renewable Energy
- c. Upcoming Meetings & Events:
 - i. Earth Day Planning Committee – 2/10 @ 4 pm (Zoom)
 - ii. RCSC Regular Meeting – 2/22 (Subcommittees)
 - iii. RCSC Regular Meeting – 3/8 (Black Hills Energy)

Adjournment – 6:50 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kelli Juhl