



# Meeting Minutes

April 12th, 2021 5:30 PM

Zoom Meeting

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

**Others Present:** Bill Evans (City Liaison), Audra Van Ekere?

## **Votes Taken** (other than approval of minutes)

Voted to adopt the work plan – see Old Business Item A.

Voted to adopt budget draft \_ see New Business Item A.

## **Call to Order – 5:32 pm**

**Agenda Approval** – Added discussion about BHE tariffs. New Business Item I

## **Public Comments/ Committee updates – Zoom around**

- 10 years of RCSC!!
- Elections – be thinking about whether you can become an officer.
- Mayor is going to read proclamation at council meeting.
- Requests to resume meetings in person as many of us get vaccinated

## **Officers' Reports**

**Secretary:** Motion to approve minutes from March 22nd moved to approve by Alan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin, Motion carried.

**Treasurer:** Budget draft made and we need to pay Garth for website.

**Social Media Coordinator:** Earth Week activities up on social media and websites. Posts are getting likes on Instagram and FB.

## **Old Business**

**A. 2021 Work Plan** – Review & Adoption – Brief overview before motion to adopt the work plan. Cathy moved, Alan 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

**B. Sustainability Coordinator Position (Kevin)** – no updates.

### **C. Sustainability Awards:**

i. Hippie Haven – Presentation 3/26 – Thank you to everyone who showed up, well attended and worked out well in person.

ii. Application – Local Foods – A lot of our awards have gone to local foods and restaurants.

**D. Black Hills Energy Sustainability Goals** – Letter to the Editor (Lysann) Suggested striking from agenda at this time with other BHE issues to consider.

**E. Solid Waste Management Plan Update (Alan)** - Have met twice and have given feedback.

Doing analysis on costs. Issues with composting program, contamination and inability to sell the

compost. Discussion about what will happen to the compost programs. If there is public input opportunity, will keep everyone informed.

**F. RC Clean Up Week (April 17<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>)** – RCSC @ Thomson Park on 4/17 @ 1 pm (BYO Bags) Kevin will bring garbage grabbers from Mt. Rushmore.

i. Diversity & Inclusion (continued from 12/14/20) – Lysann reaching out to Indian Collective for a speaker on their Climate change initiative. No word back.

## **New Business**

**A. 2021 Budget** – Budget framework draft presented to allocate funds over all subcommittees. Kevin made motion to adopt the budget draft as presented with the ability to modify the allocation with budget requests, Patricia 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

**B. Committee Meeting Time** – There has been a suggestion to move the meeting time to later in the evening. Discussion happened and decided to leave the meeting as is for the time being.

**C. Earth Day Update** – Many updates to the schedule. Please see the website for details.

**D. SDSM&T Sustainability Committee Update** – There are some activities and contests for the students on the Mines campus; poster sessions

**E. Boy Scouts Merit Badge Midway** – Two hours teaching students about sustainability, not nearly enough time for that.

**F. Dark Sky Week** -Press release out for Dark Sky week and Knutson president of national organization. Bill provided more commentary on fixtures that have been used in Flagstaff.

**G. Mayor's Monarch Pledge & Bee/Pollinator Working Group** – basically asks that the city take some action to promote bee and butterfly initiatives. Pollinator garden at City Hall is part of that initiative. Lysann is working with Parks & Rec.

**H. Road Surfacing & Salting – Facebook Inquiry** – Skipped for the time being

**I. BHE is wanting to change how they charge for individual solar** – called Buy all, Sell all. Individuals will be forced to sell electricity to BHE at wholesale and then homeowner must purchase at retail cost. LOTS of ^#%#\$\* DISCUSSION!

## **Informational Items**

a. Upcoming Meetings & Events:

- i. Earth Day Planning Committee – 4/14 @ 4 pm (Zoom)
- ii. RCSC Regular Meeting 4/26
- iii. Earth Week Celebration – 4/17-4/25

## **Adjournment – 7:35pm**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kelli Juhl