



# Meeting Minutes

May 10th, 2021 5:30 PM

Zoom Meeting

**Members present:** Alan Anderson, Kevin Crosby, Ria Harper, Kelli Juhl, Patricia Scarborough, Lysann Zeller

**Others Present:** None

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

Amended (email) pollinator vote: Pollinator Vote: See New Business item B.

**Call to Order – 5:33 pm**

**Agenda Approval** – adding item C in New Business electric charging vehicles.

**Public Comments/ Committee updates**

- Mines' students got award for storing energy using oxygen splitting technology.
- Marty is moving away, and Patricia will take his spot as a full member rather than alternate.
- Don't forget about elections next month!!!!
- Kevin asked whether or not RC Vision funds could go to installing EV Charging Stations. More discussion about this occurred. BTW, input from this committee seemed to help shepherd along progress on this.

**Officers' Reports**

**Secretary:** No quorum at the time.

**Treasurer:** No updates

**Social Media Coordinator:** No new updates- posts were made for the tariff.

**Old Business**

**A.** Sustainability Coordinator Position (Kevin) – no new information, but the City has a surplus of money this year!

**B.** Sustainability Awards – no news on that.

**C.** Black Hills Energy Cogeneration and Small Power Production Service (Solar) Tariff – have not heard from the City's attorney's office, but the deadline for comments has not passed yet and it is not on the PUC's next agenda. Bill brought the subject up at the working session.

**D.** Solid Waste Management Plan Update (Alan) – Solid Waste is going to present the findings and recommendations to the council working session this Wednesday.

**E.** RC Clean Up Week (Ria) – more than 6.5 tons of garbage! Congratulations, Ria for all your hard work!

i. Diversity & Inclusion – this item will be taken off the agenda for now because we have no specific initiatives pertaining to this subject, but diversity and inclusion will remain as a guiding consideration going into the future.

## **New Business**

**A.** Earth Day Trail Challenge – still going on through the end of May.

**B.** Pollinator Advocacy Working Group – first meeting last week on Wed. morning. A lot of groups attended and discussion was had about a “Bee City” designation.

i. Pollinator Week (June 21-27) Lysann will ‘bee’ at the Farmer’s Market to advance the effort.

ii. Budget Request – Lysann asking for a small budget pertaining to pollinator activities at the city plaza and marketing efforts. Alan makes a motion to allocate \$200 (Email vote to amend to \$300) for the promotion of the pollinator garden. Kevin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried.

**C.** Electric Charging infrastructure – Lysann followed up with Robert Raker – SD DOT opted out of transportation map. It was not the Federal Gov’t that excluded SD. VW funds will increase allocation to up to 15% for electric charging stations.

## **Informational Items**

a. Upcoming Meetings & Events:

i. Rapid City Earth Day Trail Challenge – 4/22-5/31

ii. “Bike to Work” Day 5/21

iv. RCSC Regular Meeting – 5/124 (Sub-committees)

## **Adjournment – 6:55**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kelli Juhl