



# Meeting Minutes

June 14th, 2021 5:30 PM  
Zoom Meeting

**Members present:** Alan Anderson, Ilke Celik, Amanda Hill, Kelli Juhl, Patricia Scarborough, Cathy Thrash, Garth Wadsworth, Lysann Zeller

**Others Present:** Bill Evans (City Liaison)

## Votes Taken (other than approval of minutes)

Approval of new slate of officers 2021-2022. New Business Item A

Approval of Sust. Award nomination for Echoworks. New business Item B

Approval of Letter of Support for the NSF Grant to SDM&T – Sust. End-of-life management. See New Business Item C

## Call to Order – 5:35 pm

**Agenda Approval** – No additions

## Public Comments/ Committee updates

- Garth described his new job.
- Rapid City planning and Pollinator group working together toward a ‘bee friendly’ landscape ordinance with native plants.
- Jancie Knight leaving Solid Waste and signing on with Engineering
- Dark Sky Event, Mickelson Star Trail - Sept 10th, 2021

## Officers’ Reports

**Secretary:** Motion to approve minutes (5/24) by Alan, Garth 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

**Treasurer:** We have spent some money for a pollinator garden. More details later.

**Social Media Coordinator:** Continuing posts about solid waste plan

## Old Business

**A.** Sustainability Coordinator Position (Kevin) - No update

**B.** Black Hills Energy Cogeneration and Small Power Production Service (Solar) Tariff- no movement at PUC

**C.** SD DANR Volkswagen Settlement Funds -

i. RC (roll-off truck and snow plow) & Main Street Square (EVCS) Requests - City submitting two grant applications and Domico plans to re-submit for the charging stations for downtown parking garage and other electric projects at MInes.

**D.** Solid Waste Management Plan Update (Alan) - Council is divided and the plan has been oriented toward the convenience of the haulers. The general movement of this plan is updating facilities and continuing recycling including yard waste, It was recommended that the composting facility processing

be reduced to the point where it is only being used in the landfill to aid in compaction and no longer sold to the public.

**E.** Earth Day Trail Challenge (Ria) - Ria estimated that we had around 50 people do the trail challenge. She went around and picked up signs and pins this last week. A great starter success!

**F.** Pollinator Advocacy (in support of Bee City, USA and Mayor's Monarch Pledge) - Working group last week and pollinator week is June 21-27. RCSC will have a presence at the Farmer's Market June 26th with information and the Mayor's proclamation. CHS's bee garden is planted. City Hall garden is planted and being watered. It needs to be tilled to add some compost.

## **New Business**

**A.** Officer Elections - Lysann thanked all out-going officers. Positions are: Motion by Garth to nominate the following for all but Vice Chair, 2nd by Kelli & Cathy, Motion carried. Alan nominated Kevin as Vice chair, Amanda 2nd, motion carried.

Chair - Alan

Vice-Chair - Kevin

Secretary - Ria

Treasurer - Patricia

Social Media Coordinator - Amanda

**B.** Sustainability Award Nomination - Lysann laid out an introduction about the award. Kelli moved to issue the award to Echoworks for a Sustainability Award. Patricia and Garth 2nd in tandem. The motion carried.

**C.** Sustainable End-of-Life Management Grant - Ilke described the proposal about recycling solar panels. Garth makes a motion to approve the letter of support to the National Science Foundation. Patricia 2nd the motion, and the motion carried. Letter will be due June 18th.

**D.** 2021 Work Plan - June review - No action at this time. Will revisit the plan in subcommittee meetings.

## **Informational Items**

- a. Upcoming Meetings & Events:
  - i. Rapid City Transit Plan - Survey and Map (by 6/18) @ [www.rctransitplan.com](http://www.rctransitplan.com)
  - ii. Pollinator Week - 6/21 - 6/27 (BH Farmer's Market 6/26)
  - iii. RCSC Regular Meeting – 6/28 (Sub-committees)

## **Adjournment – 6:46**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kelli Juhl