



Meeting Minutes

June 28, 2021 @ 5:30 PM

In-Person Meeting – Open to the Public

Members Present: Alan Anderson, Patricia Scarborough, Lysann Zeller, Ria Harper, Kevin Crosby, Garth Wadsworth, Cathy Thrash, Dave Holland

Others Present:

Call to Order - 5:40pm

Votes Taken : Motion approved for Lysann to spend up to \$150 for the pollinator garden

Agenda Approval : Adding Transit Plan to New Business

Public Comments / Committee Updates :

- Courtesy Subaru has added a TerraCycle container at their location and is now collecting snack wrappers, disposables cups, lids, plastic straws, coffee, tea, and creamer capsules to recycle them into park benches
- Ria has taken the open position at Solid Waste! No official title yet.

Officers' Reports

_____ **Secretary (Ria) :** Tabling last week's Minutes until Kelli gets back

Treasurer (Patricia) : Close to \$300 spent so far for pollinator garden

- Reminder that the yearly budget is \$2000, maybe if we have plans to spend more we can submit them to Bill as a proposal for next year and he can advocate for us. :)

Social Media (Amanda) : Doing a good job! Pollinator Garden is being marketed well!

Old Business

- Black Hills Energy Cogeneration and Small Power Production service (Solar) Tariff Update - Kevin
 - Alan sent an email today to Calli asking about any updates on the letter that we sent over? Updates to come.
 - Things are moving along. Three day hearing in October, taking place in Pierre. PUC cross-examination and court case of what is to happen. Meeting of all interested parties, not interveners, in Rapid City to see if they can come up with a compromise. Seems unlikely with the feedback that Black Hills Energy has gotten so far.
 - You can still submit public comments!!
 - Maybe we should post about this on social media to get some more public comments submitted? Take an educational stance on this situation. No public comments since the news coverage on it
 - SDSM&T involvement??

New Business

- Membership Certificate Presentation
 - Patricia - Congrats!
- Reading of Mayor's Pollinator Week Proclamation - Lysann
 - The Farmer's Market turned out well! Butterfly tattoos were gone within a couple of hours. Black Hills Beekeeping Club had a box of 12,000 bees to look at. Got a lot of attention
 - Requesting more money for the pollinator garden since the original amount had been exceeded.
 - Patricia made a motion for Lysann to spend up to \$150 more for the pollinator garden. Cathy 2nd, motion carried.
- Transit Plan
 - Company is SRF.
 - July 14th-15th they are opening up time slots for individuals/groups to provide input on transit plan
 - Discussing what is currently working and not working within local transit
 - Sustainability Committee may sign up for a time slot for this meeting and form a group to attend the meeting

Subcommittee Reports

- Education/Events/Outreach
 - We are each going to pick a few 'Sustainability Holidays' and really create the art and content for Amanda to post on social media.
 - Cleanup in September?
 - ADDING to PBR → SUP (single-use plastics)
 - Google Calendar of sustainability events
 - Creating a table at the Farmers Market with old t-shirts to make bags for everyone to use. Plastic Free Farmers Market
 - An incentive for bringing your bag?
 - Getting a bunch of old t-shirts via thrift store/donation and hand them out at the Farmers Market
- City Facilities
 - Hiring a Sustainability Coordinator -- No updates. Doing more research
 - Going to work on prioritizing energy efficiency in new construction
 - Electric vehicle charging station -- No updates
 - MRF -- No updates
 - Dark Skies -- Working on West Blvd area so that we can showcase that this is Dark Skies
- Sustainable Development
 - Alternative transportation
 - Help with bike parking audit
 - City carbon emissions analysis
 - SDSMT did an analysis about City Hall before remodel. Checking to see if they actually saved any money?

Informational Items

- Upcoming Meetings & Events:
 - Coffee with Planners -7/1, 9 AM, City Hall Second Floor Community Room, (Medical Marijuana; Transit Development Plan; and proposed revisions to the City Landscape Regulations.
 - Farmers Market – Every Wednesday and Saturday from 8 AM – 2 PM. 245 E. Omaha St. Rapid City
 - RCSC Regular Meeting – 7/12

Adjournment - 7:31pm

Minutes submitted by Ria Harper