Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2021 @ 5:30 PM
In-Person Meeting – Open to the Public

Members Present: Alan Anderson, Dave Holland, Lysann Zeller, Garth Wadsworth, Amanda Hill, Ria Harper, Kelli Juhl
Others Present: Thom Odeen, Kristen Hasse, Rick Bell

Call to Order - 5:32pm

Votes Taken:

- 6/14 minutes approved with changes of adding the votes that were taken and drafting new landscape — Garth first motion, Amanda Second — motion carried
- 6/28 minutes approved with changes of spelling Cathy’s name right and moving Dave to a member — Motion to approve Garth, Second Kelli — motion carried

Agenda Approval: Approved

Public Comments: Solid Waste got approved for a tire grant! No date yet.

Officers’ Reports
Minutes (Ria): 6/14 & 6/28
Treasurer (Patricia): No new updates
Social Media (Amanda): No new updates

Old Business

- Black Hills Energy Cogeneration and Small Power Production service (Solar) Tariff — Kevin
  - Meeting Wed morning with interveners
  - There is still some general interest with the public
  - Meeting with PUC on July 26th with interveners
- Pollinator Gardens update — Lysann
  - Sprinklers not working :(  
  - Pollinator group and planning dept drafting landscape ordinance, not Elevate Rapid City.
- Sustainability Coordinator Position update? (Kevin/Patricia)
  - Plans were made in last subcommittee meeting. Updates to come
- SD DANR Volkswagen Settlement Funds/RC (roll-off truck and snow plow) & Main Street Square (EVCS) Requests
  - Lysann emailed main street square and they are planning for submitting a Vision Fund application next week
  - Submitting for Volkswagen settlement fund
  - Rick -- Electrify America is planning on putting some chargers on I90
Solid Waste Management Plan update? (Alan)
  - The city council voted yes on the recommended rate increase
Earth Day Trail Challenge update? (Ria)
  - No updates! Safe to take off of agenda.
Sustainability Award Nomination – EchoWorks update? Alan
  - Ideally, an October award.
  - No new updates, Ilke is not present
Coffee with Planners – Any info from someone who attended?
  - Talked about the landscape ordinance, medical marijuana, zoning, and bus stops.
  - Marijuana - main focus. Talked about where uses should be permitted, etc
  - Transit Plan Community engagement this week -- 14th and 15th.
    ■ Garth is attending with Elevate. City was pretty open for new ideas, but still figuring out what the transit plan consists of.
    ■ They are analyzing the bus stops and seeing what’s not being used/ what is really popular, seeing if we should get rid of some, etc.
    ■ Buses last about ten years, so they are going to buy a new set of buses and then think about different approaches to moving towards electric buses
    ■ Dave is going to draft an opinion from the RCSC and send it out for review.
    ■ Transportation would be less necessary in developing/low-income housing if there were grocery stores that were nearby, etc. Another example is putting a bus stop right next to elderly homes instead of making them walk two blocks.
    ■ Kristen -- Cost saving analysis and the data needs to be there if changes like mentioned are going to be considered
    ■ We aren’t sure about a deadline for public comments about the transit plan

4. New Business
   - Membership Certificate Presentation (Jason)
     - Jason is not here :(
   - Discussion of Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (CPACE) Issue -- Garth, Rick Bell
     - Property assessed clean energy. Finding mechanism for energy efficiency. Energy savings is greater than the cost of annual tax. Should be a win, win. Elevate is interested in this as a funding mechanism, tool for development. Energy efficiency is second.
     - Tried to get CPACE passed two years in a row. Had a bill in the legislature and it didn’t get out.
     - CPACE got passed in Montana. Facility financing authority - some group from the governmental agency in the state. Great economic tool - lots of jobs doing energy efficiency.
     - 38 states that have PACE. Need state legislation in order to get funding.

5. Informational Items
   - Upcoming Meetings & Events:
     - Farmers Market – Every Wednesday and Saturday from 8 AM – 2 PM. 245 E. Omaha St
     - RCSC Regular Meeting – 7/26

6. Adjournment - 6:57pm
Minutes submitted by Ria Harper