



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.
- Sustainable End-of-Life Management Grant – Solar Panel Recycling update? (Ilke)
 - 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