



Meeting Minutes

August 23rd, 2021 @ 5:30 PM

Zoom Meeting – Open to the Public

Members Present : Ria Harper, Alan Anderson, Jason Phillips, Kevin Crosby, Amanda Hill, Patricia Scarborough, Lysann Zeller

Members Absent : Kelli Juhl, Tessa LaHaie, Dave Holland, Garth Wadsworth, Ilke Celik, Bryan Mitchell

Liaisons :

Guests : Daniel Rasby

Call to Order - 5:36pm

Votes Taken :

Agenda Approval : Approved 8/9 minutes. Lysann first motion, Kevin 2nd -- motion carried

Public Comments / Committee Updates :

- Dark Skies event on September 10th
- Petition for CompostNow to come to Rapid City. They need 500 signatures to go onto the next step for coming to our area. It's basically a doorstep composting company that gives you a bucket and comes to pick it up at the end of the month.

Officers' Reports

Secretary (Ria) : No update.

Treasurer (Patricia) : Not present. Lysann has about \$300 ish that she will need to be reimbursed for.

Social Media (Amanda) : No updates.

Old Business

- Black Hills Energy Cogeneration and Small Power Production service (solar) tariff update?
 - Interveners meeting PUC staff and BHE staff. Not a confidential meeting. Interveners agree that once they meet the next hurdle, they will be sending out a joint press release. Moving towards a settlement of delay of further investigation and research/data request. Probably a two-year delay. In a month, there should be a resolution to what's going on.
- Sustainability Coordinator position update?
 - City Council is presenting the city budget tonight (8/23) and finalizing it soon. There isn't much time left to slide this position into this year's budget.
 - Let's build relationships and push education this next year and be ready to present for next year's budget.
- Sustainability Award Nomination - EchoWorks update?
 - Need to get the plaque to Vanway soon in order to get the October award secured.

New Business

- City Hall Flower Garden
 - A Pollinator Habitat sign is being ordered -- woo! The sign will have the RCSC logo on it
 - Lysann is working on relocating beetles that are eating all of our flowers :(
- City Hall Green Roof
 - Meeting with Laura to get more insight
 - There was a prior effort for a green roof at City Hall but it fell through.
 - The Rapid City Airport green roof is a prime example of what they should look like. It's a thriving little environment that constantly has a lot of bees and butterflies.
 - Jason is ready to help with this! Let's keep him updated with contacts and who to reach out to.

Subcommittee Working Sessions :

- Education/Events/Outreach
 - Not a lot of presence tonight. Updated Amanda on the last meeting. We agreed that splitting up the 'holidays' is a great idea. We could at least do another committee cleanup if we don't push a community one.
 - Can we get the Youth City Council involved?
- City Facilities
 - Getting sustainability coordinator position description together. Rushing would do more harm than good. Getting contacts together and getting a schedule together with them. Establishing a relationship and building support with those contacts.
 - Green roof - lots of pros and cons. Need to meet with Jason, Laura, and Rod Johnson.
- Sustainable Development
 - Annual report, hold a future committee meeting at trinity park -- check action items
 - Outdoor meeting in September?

Informational Items

- Upcoming Meetings and Events:
 - Farmers Market - Every Wednesday and Saturday from 8am - 2pm
 - RCSC Regular Meeting - 9/13

Adjournment - 7:00pm

Minutes submitted by Ria Harper