



Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2021 @ 5:30 PM

In Person Outdoor Meeting – Open to the Public

Trinity Eco Prayer Park | St. Joseph Street | Just East of 5th Street

Members Present : Ria Harper, Lysann Zeller, Garth Wadsworth, Alan Anderson, Dave Holland, Jason Phillips

Liaisons : Bill Evans

Guests : Dan Rasby, Ken Steinken (Trinity Eco Prayer Park), Robert, (West River Electric), David

Absent members : Kevin Crosby, Amanda Hill, Patricia Scarborough, Kelli Juhl, Tessa LaHaie, Ilke Celik, Bryan Mitchell, Cathy Thrash

Call to Order - 5:41pm

Votes Taken : Approved 8/23 minutes. Lysann made the first motion, Jason made the second motion -- motion carried

Agenda Approval : Adding Youth City Council and RAP green roof

Public Comments / Committee Updates :

Officers' Reports

Secretary (Ria) : Alan is going to email some small changes

Treasurer (Patricia) : Not present

Social Media (Amanda) : Not present. Need to send her the Tire Disposal event, HHW event, and need to post about at-home composting.

Old Business

- Membership certificate presentations to Jason and Ria! Woo!
- BH Energy Cogeneration and Small Power Production service
 - No updates
- Sustainability Coordinator position
 - No updates
- Sustainability award nomination
- Pollinator Garden
 - It's been looking good! Someone ripped up some plants a couple of weeks ago :(Lysann kindly replaced them.
- Solid Waste Facility Tour
 - Date set for 9/30 from 10am - 11:30am
- Annual Report to City Council
 - Trying to decide on a date! Aiming for November 1st.

- Transit Letter
 - No updates
- City Admin Flower Garden
 - No updates
- SD VW Mitigation Funds
 - EVCS is opening on September 13th. The I-90 corridor is trying to be electrified. West River Electric went in with some others as a group of utilities and applied for some grants to do the project. They have also done I-29 (North and South). A different company came through and wanted to put a charger on I-90 that was significantly larger than the ones they were going to put in, so now it seems contradictory.
 - www.electrifyamerica.com (SD Chapter) has some great information

New Business

- Working more closely with the city on recycling and composting. Trying to keep more out of the landfill
 - Alan had a meeting with Kristen Hasse and they spoke about composting, renewables, and the landfill. She wants RCSC to encourage recycling and composting to try and get more involvement.
 - Ria was approached by a concerned citizen about not being able to get organic material out of the yard waste drop-off locations. It is against the city ordinance to not be scavenging inside those drop-off bins. He thinks that it's contradictory if the city is encouraging it but not giving out any material.
 - Jason suggested that we give the council a vision. Give them ideas about recycling and we can run with that. At this point, we are just trying to 'do better' but what does doing better look like?
 - SDSM&T and the EPICS program would be great programs to utilize. Groups of students get to go out in the real world and work with real world projects. This might be a great idea to give to them. Ilke...? :)
 - Laura Armstrong (not present but suggested through an email) that we look at city ordinances for natural lawns and gardens. If someone has a natural lawn with wild grasses, they would be in violation for having that type of vegetation. Bill mentioned that they are in the process of redoing all of the landscaping ordinances at the moment.
 - Laura also asked about RCSC being involved with some sort of Halloween activity and we could give out wildflower seeds instead of candy??
 - Scare in the Square?
 - Rapid City Landfill and Monument Health talked about getting a recycling container onto the hospital property. They think that they can fill one of the roll off containers at least twice a week. Yay!

Informational Items

- Upcoming Meetings and Events:
 - Farmers Market - Every Wednesday and Saturday from 8am - 2pm

Adjournment - 7:07pm

Minutes submitted by Ria Harper