



## Meeting Minutes

September 27, 2021 @ 5:30 PM

*Meeting on Zoom – Open to the Public*

**Members Present :** Ria Harper, Lysann Zeller, Alan Anderson, Dave Holland, Kelli Juhl, Patricia Scarobrough, Kevin Crosby (dialed in for sub committees)

**Liaisons :** Bill Evans, Laura Armstrong

**Guests :** Remington Jankowski (just moved from Palm Beach!!, worked with a group that was saving sea turtles), Daniel Rasby

**Absent Members :** Amanda Hill, Bryan Mitchell, Ilke Celik, Tessa LaHaie, Cathy Thrash, Jason Phillips, Garth Wadsworth

### Call to Order - 5:33pm

**Votes Taken :** We didn't have a quorum tonight, minutes will be tabled.

**Agenda Approval :** Adding Laura's Halloween idea, EPICs program at SDSM&t - where did it go?

**Public Comments / Committee Updates :** Ria is going to see about updating the City's website with new minutes and agendas.

### Officers' Reports

**Secretary (Ria) :** Minutes are 'approved' but will be tabled because there isn't a quorum

**Treasurer (Patricia) :** Patricia got some invoices and the award will be given soon. About \$1200 left.

**Social Media (Amanda) :** Not present

### Old Business

- BH Energy - no updates
- Sustainability Coordinator - no updates
- Sustainability award - Going to be awarded on October 18th -- please attend!
- Pollinator garden - Basil got ripped out :( The sign is ready to install!!
- **ADDED:**
  - Taking Laura's suggestion about giving out wildflowers instead of candy into consideration - Scare in the Square?
    - No response from Domico about getting a table for it
    - More brainstorming is welcome!
- Solid Waste tour - September 30th 10am!
  - Please RSVP to [ria.harper@rcgov.org](mailto:ria.harper@rcgov.org) so we know how many are going! Everyone is welcome.
- Annual report to city council - Nov 1st (meeting after EchoWorks)
- City Hall Green Roof - no updates
- EPICs - Jason emailed some contacts at SDSMT to see if the program was still going on

and it seems to have diminished. Contemplating if it could be started back up again, but modified a bit? There is an organization on campus that Jason is going to reach out to and see if it's something that can start up again with their help.

- CAMP - Center for Advanced Multidisciplinary Projects is a program at SDSM&T that is similar to what EPICs was.
- **ADDED:**
  - Randy reached out to Ria on behalf of the Beautification Committee and had concerns that the BC was kind of falling apart. They only have a couple of members and there are many different committees within Rapid City that could potentially be working on the same projects/concepts but we don't know because we don't communicate. Our voices are stronger together.
  - Randy is proposing the idea (and working really hard on putting this to fruition) that all of the committees have one advocate and everyone meets up and discusses what they are working on. That way the committees can help each other out and also be aware of what everyone is working on.
  - Randy hopes to come to one of our meetings soon! He should have more details on what is going on.
  - Bill has been working on this idea!! He's been trying to get a coordinator. But short staffing is a problem :(
  - Beautification and landscaping ordinances are in the process of getting redone. Vikki Fischer is working hard!

### **New Business**

- Drive Electric Week Event - Saturday from 2-6pm
  - There will be a section that will be roped off for electric vehicles to park and the public can check them out
- Vision fund comment letter - Alan highlighted some sustainability-related items
  - Laura advised to maybe not approach this as a committee because we don't want to put Kevin in an awkward spot so individual interests are encouraged.
  - Dave mentioned that we should look at what our objectives are and THEN look at the vision fund and see if any of those projects are in line with what our objectives are, but still encouraged for individual votes.

### **Informational Items**

- Upcoming Meetings and Events:
  - Farmers Market - Every Wednesday and Saturday from 8am - 2pm
  - October 2nd - Rapid City Auto Show - Drive Electric Week Event 2-6pm, Main & 6th St
  - October 11th - RCSC Regular Meeting, 5:30pm on Zoom
  - October 18th - EchoWorks Sustainability Award Presentation at City Council, 6:30

### **Breakout Sessions :**

- **Education/Events/Outreach : Kelli & Ria present**
  - Updated Kelli from the last meetings!
  - Getting some ideas thrown around for Earth Day. Decorating storm drains. Maybe we can find a speaker from Patagonia or a business that has carbon-free business models. We can also talk to the Chamber of Commerce.
- **City Facilities : Alan, Kevin & Patricia present**
  - Nothing to report. Working on a few projects
- **Sustainable Development : Lysann, Dave & Remington present**
  - Alan and Patricia will be talking to different city staff members to get the word out about creating a Sustainability Coordinator.
  - 'Planting the seed'.
  - Alan is going to write a plan.

**Adjournment - 7:20pm**

**Minutes submitted by Ria Harper**