



Meeting Minutes

October 11th, 2021 @ 5:30 PM

Zoom Meeting – Open to the Public

Members Present : Ria Harper, Lysann Zeller, Alan Anderson, Dave Holland, Jason Phillips, Kevin Crosby, Patricia Scarborough, Kelli Juhl, Tessa LaHaie

Liaisons : Laura Armstrong

Guests : Dan Rasby

Absent Members : Garth Wadsworth, Cathy Thrash, Bryan Mitchell, Ilke Celik, Amanda Hill

Call to Order - 5:33pm

Votes Taken : Sept 13th Minutes Approval

Sept 27th Minutes Approval – Under Members Present, fix Patricia's name

Motion approved for \$600 Scare in the Square budget

Agenda Approval : Adding tour of the water treatment plant & No Mow May

Public Comments / Committee Updates : Kevin's LEAVING :(He is moving to Denver in January-ish, transferring with Xanterra to the corporate office! We are excited for you, but will miss you.

Officers' Reports

Secretary (Ria) : Minutes approved from 9/13 & 9/27 - Lysann first, Patricia second - motion carried.

Treasurer (Patricia) : Nothing new

Social Media (Amanda) : Added Ria to the admin of the Facebook page.

Old Business

- Solid Waste Facility Tour Report - Ria
 - Went really good!! We had a lot of members show up, as well as city council members. There is a lot to learn about Solid Waste and it's an important part of Sustainability.
- Working more closely with the city on recycling & composting - Ria
 - Ria is looking into getting cartons added to the Rapid City Recycling program!
- Drive electric week event / car show report - Alan
 - Alan brought his hybrid van down to add to the cars that were on display.
 - There was more interest in the electric cars this year than last year.
- Sustainability Award Nomination - EchoWorks - Alan
 - Presentation at next City Council (10/18) meeting!!
- Scare in the Square tabling - Saturday October 30th - Lysann
 - Charge for a table & canopy - \$40 minimum + \$55 for canopy + \$13 table + \$3 chairs = \$114.
 - Funds also needed for seed packets, etc. (see New Business - Budget).

- Patricia is going to work on updating the brochure so that we have that handout.
- Dave gave the idea of making a QR code that people can scan to take them to the Sustainability Committee's website.
- Pollinator Garden - Lysann
 - Still doing good!
 - No Mow May - Encourages residents to not mow their lawns for the month of May. This is a critical time for early pollinators and not mowing your lawn enables them to have access to those flowers and foliage. Need involvement of code enforcement to propose ordinance amendment to allow an exemption to maximum grass height allowed in city code – Laura said she will sponsor this. City Council approval needed. Get signs for the yards to let code enforcement know that they are participating and for public education. The committee was generally supportive so Lysann will continue to work on this.
- Budget Ideas and Discussion - Lysann/Alan
 - There was an email that was sent out to committee members that listed a few different options. A couple of them are buying recycling cans for City Hall and another is a bicycle repair station. Funds must be spent by early December.
- SD VW Mitigation Funds - No updates
- CAMP update - No updates. EPICS program is no longer at SD Mines.
- RC Committee Collaboration / Beautification Committee - No updates
- BH Energy Cogeneration Solar Tariff - Kevin
 - The Solar Tariff Docket has been closed with the agreement by both parties that they would collaborate over the next two years to produce a compromise acceptable to both parties.
- Vision Fund Comment Letter -
 - Still encouraging people to comment individually. Vision committee is still going 'sight seeing' and looking at the different proposals.
- Annual Report to City Council - Alan
 - First meeting in November (11/1)
- City Hall Green Roof - No updates
 - Maybe have a meeting with Rod Johnson, Jason, Alan, and Laura about getting a green roof on City Hall
- Youth City Council - Alan
 - No discussion
- Sustainability Coordinator Position - Alan
 - No new updates
- Earth Day Ideas?
 - Kelli is going to contact WDT to see if the event is going to be held at their campus this year or not.

New Business

- Goodwill Industries Tour - Laura
 - Goodwill reached out to Laura for a tour and showed her how they are sustainable. They only send 10% (ish) to the landfill.
 - November 8th and 22nd - possible dates for a Sustainability Committee tour
- Jackson Springs Water Treatment Plant Tour - Dave
 - 2pm on October 26th if anyone wants to join!
- Budget - \$600 for Scare in the Square to rent booth and purchase seed packet supplies, honey sticks, toothbrushes, etc.
 - Kelli motioned, Ria second - motion carried.
 - Go through list and review other budget ideas to discuss at future meeting.

Informational Items

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

Adjournment - 7:35pm**Minutes submitted by Ria Harper**