



Meeting Minutes

October 25th, 2021 @ 5:30 PM

Zoom Meeting – Open to the Public

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

Liaisons : Laura Armstrong

Guests : Dan Rasby

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

Call to Order - 5:32pm

Votes Taken : Minutes approved from 10/11
Another \$250 for Scare in the Square

Agenda Approval : Approved

Public Comments / Committee Updates : Ria will start adding the Minutes and Agendas to the RCgov website once she gets credentials.

Officers' Reports

Secretary (Ria) : Minutes approved - Kevin first, Lysann second - motion carried.

Treasurer (Patricia) : About \$600 left.

Social Media : Amanda has resigned from the committee. No replacement as of yet.

Old Business

- Working more closely with the city on recycling & composting
 - Kelli mentioned that WDT has been looking for products to haul as they practice truck driving with their students. Maybe Solid Waste can get on board with that.
 - Ria met with Carton Council and shared some information about our location. Ria has to get some numbers back to Carton Council before we move further.
- Beautification
 - There was a meeting between Elevate Rapid City, Visit Rapid City, Sustainability Committee, and then Randy Fisher with Designworks on the Beautification Committee's behalf.
 - We talked about how there needed to be some sort of meeting whether it be another committee or just a monthly get together so that all of the committees are on the same page and are familiar with the current goals & projects.
 - Lysann voiced concern about creating another volunteer committee that wouldn't have very much 'say' or 'authority.'
- Sustainability Award Presentation - EchoWorks
 - Kevin did a great job presenting the award to EchoWorks! We had a great turnout from the committee.
- Black Hills Energy Cogeneration (Solar) Tariff
 - The PUC Docket EL21-0011 has been resolved - woo!

- It was agreed that they would set up meetings for the next two years to discuss a future tariff change that would be acceptable to Black Hills Energy and the interveners.
- Vision Fund
 - Trinity Eco Prayer Park is officially not getting any vision funds :(Basically, they didn't ask for enough money.
 - Kevin is trying to push sustainability, energy savings, water savings, etc. as much as he can during the process. He's also mentioned the importance of dark skies for outdoor lighting.
 - The City Parks Dept spends \$1.2 million a year on leased park facilities.
- Scare in the Square
 - Lysann is receiving everything in the mail. We need to get together this week and put 2000 seed packets together! Please email Lysann if you can help out, we are going to need all hands on deck :)
 - Ria motioned to approve another \$250, Patricia second - motion carried.
 - Wednesday after work we are meeting to fill packets.
 - Patricia is going to reach out to YFS in regards to hopefully borrowing some human sized flowers for decoration on our booth.
- No Mow May update - no update
- Water tour - 10/26 Jackson Spring Water Plant, Cleghorn Canyon Rd - 2 pm
- City Hall Green Roof - No update
- Goodwill Industries Tour
 - No update - looking for a date that everyone would like to go?
- Earth Day ideas
 - Kelli messaged Dr. Murray to see if the Earth Day Expo is still going on this next year. Dr. Murray didn't respond yet so she is going to try and talk to Bryan Mitchell.
 - Maybe get Gabe Brown as a speaker for this next year.
 - Galen Hoogestraat from USGS might have some suggestions on a speaker for Earth Day/Week.
- Youth City Council - no update
- Budget Update - no updates
- Sustainability Coordinator Position - no updates
- Annual Report to the City Council - 11/1
 - We looked over the presentation in the meeting and are going to make a few edits, but it is coming up quick!
- SD VW Mitigation Funds - no updates
- CAMP update - no updates
- Pollinator Garden update - Bugs are still buzzin'!

New Business

- Member vacancies
 - We now have one member vacancy.
 - Reminder for current members, according to our bylaws, if you miss three consecutive meetings your membership may be forfeited, if there are other citizens actively participating in meetings and wanting to join the committee.
- Social Media Coordinator opening - no action

Informational Items

- Upcoming Meetings and Events:
 - Farmers Market - Every Wednesday and Saturday from 8am - 2pm
 - Scare in the Square - 10/30

Adjournment - 6:58pm
Minutes submitted by Ria Harper