



Meeting Minutes

November 8th, 2021 @ 5:30 PM

Zoom Meeting – Open to the Public

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

Liaisons : Laura Armstrong, Bill Evans

Guests : Dan Rasby, Shawn Walters, Kristen Hasse

Absent Members : Garth Wadsworth, Cathy Thrash, Bryan Mitchell, Ilke Celik, Tessa LaHaie, Kevin Crosby

Call to Order - 5:36pm

Votes Taken : None, other than approval of the agenda.

Agenda Approval : Approved - Lysann motioned first, Ria second - motion carried.

Public Comments / Committee Updates : Solid Waste website looks really good!

Officers' Reports

Secretary (Ria) : RIA FORGOT to send out last meeting's minutes :(

Treasurer (Patricia) : \$416.16 remaining

Social Media : No designated member yet.

Old Business

- Social Media Coordinator : Anyone interested??
- Awards :
 - Kevin had suggested borrowing the flowers from YFS. When Patricia went and visited, she saw many different sustainable practices. They held a composting workshop. They also have a garden education classroom and all food that is grown in their garden goes into their nutrition services.
- Budget :
 - We have some budget leftover and a few different options on how to use it. Alan is going to talk to Amanda and see what their needs are for the environmental club.
 - If anyone has any ideas for spending the last \$400, put together a proposal and we will talk about it at the next meeting.
- Scare in the Square :
 - It went AWESOME! We maybe had like 600 kids instead of 2000 so we were over-prepared. People were really excited and loved the honey sticks.
 - Thanks to everyone involved! The pipe cleaner bees were a huge hit!
- No Mow May update :
 - This is a part of the pollinator advocacy movement. The idea is to lift the grass requirements for next May so that the pollinators can have access to some of those first flowers.
 - It's been recommended to us that we get recommendations from the Parks and Rec committee boards. We will have a formal presentation for No Mow May at

- some point.
- Because we are Bee City certified, the City has committed to taking certain actions.
- Lysann met with the Urban Wildlife Committee and they are looking at integrating a pest management plan which would go hand in hand with preserving the pollinators.
- If anyone can think of any resistance that this movement would get, please send ideas over to Lysann. She is trying to prepare for all comments that will come forward
- Jackson Springs Facility Tour :
 - We all had a fun time and learned a lot! Feedback was that it was hard to hear. Dave is going to send out an email as an opportunity to add any questions or suggestions and we can use this document and present it to a city official and see what feedback they have for putting some of these ideas to fruition.
- Goodwill Tour :
 - Alan is going to send out a Survey Monkey to see which dates work the best.
- Working more closely with the city on recycling and composting update : No updates
- Earth Day Ideas :
 - Kelli has sent an email but has not heard back. We had tossed around the idea of Gabe Brown, but his price tag is \$2250 + travel expenses so we are going to start brainstorming some more.
 - Maybe we can do a film festival at the Elks?
- Annual Report to City Council update :
 - The presentation was made at the beginning of the November 1st City Council Meeting last week. It seemed to be well-received. Alan, Ria, and Lysann were joint presenters. Garth and Daniel were also in attendance.
- Sustainability Coordinator Position :
 - The job description made it to the Public Works office
 - Kristen has suggested that the Sustainability Coordinator be close to her office (Public Works) and the things that they are working on. She took the job description and modified it to add some Public Works language. It is probably going to make its way to their budget for next year (2023).
 - She's been trying to put some wheels behind sustainability efforts. Going forward, we have to think about where we want to be as a city in five years? Ten years? Then take the resources that are available to make that pathway.
 - Jason is going to look into grants that he thinks would fit into this position. Before, the Solid Waste Sustainability Coordinator wasn't eligible for these grants, but this new position under the city might qualify.
- Member Vacancies :
 - Moving up an alternate would be our next step!
- City Hall Green Roof update : no updates
- Youth City Council : no updates
- Vision Fund : no updates
- VW Mitigation funds : no updates
- CAMP : no updates
- Dark Skies : no updates
- Pollinator Garden : no updates

New Business

- BottleHub :

- This idea stemmed from Laura as she heard their ad on the radio.
- This is basically a reusable water bottle vending machine. You can buy water bottles out of this as well as fill it up with water. It's \$23,000 but you can profit like \$3,000 a month off of selling water bottles. This isn't a proposal for funding through the committee, it's more just seeing if they have any thoughts about it!
- Laura had the thought of putting it downtown in City Hall. We can propose this to the Mayor and City Council also has a budget.
- Kelli had the thought about if this machine is movable? Can we move it around to different events and locations?? Main Street Square in the summer and City Hall in the winter.

Informational Items

- Upcoming Meetings and Events:
 - Farmers Market - Every Saturday from 8am - 2pm - 245 E Omaha St, Rapid City
 - November 15th - City Council Meeting - 6:30pm

Adjournment - 7:03pm

Minutes submitted by Ria Harper