Meeting Minutes
November 22nd, 2021 @ 5:30 PM
Zoom Meeting – Open to the Public

Members Present: Lysann Zeller, Alan Anderson, Dave Holland, Patricia Scarborough, Garth Wadsworth, Cathy Thrash
Liaisons: Laura Armstrong
Guests: Shawn Walters, Kristen Hasse, Daniel Carrol
Absent Members: Kelli Juhl, Jason Phillips, Bryan Mitchell, Ilke Celik, Tessa LaHaie, Kevin Crosby

Call to Order - 5:30pm

Votes Taken: Minutes approved from 10/25 – Lysann motion, Patricia second – motion carried
Purchase 2 x 1-loop bike racks at a cost of $190 each plus tax and shipping – Patricia motion, Garth second – motion carried

Agenda Approval: Approved - Lysann motion, Patricia second - motion carried.

Public Comments / Committee Updates: None

Officers’ Reports
Secretary (Ria): None.
Treasurer (Patricia): $416.16 remaining
Social Media: No designated member yet.

Old Business

- Budget:
  - We have some budget leftover and a few different options on how to use it.
  - Alan sent an email to the environmental club but hasn't heard back yet.
  - Lysann suggested purchasing bike racks to donate to local businesses during bike month next year (May). Lysann presented pricing for 1 or 2 loop bike racks. Garth and Dave prefer having more 1-loop racks available.
  - Motion to approve the purchase of 2 x 1-loop bike racks was approved. See above.

- Awards:
  - Patricia is still talking with YFS.
  - Lysann doesn’t have any updates from Abys Feed & Seed
  - Ria had suggested a lady who re-uses denim. Ria completed the nomination application in our Gmail account
  - Patricia mentioned nominating Sonny Rivers for his work on with BH Solar
  - There was some discussion about the timing and number of awards we can issue. The next round would be in January.

- 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.
Lysann met with Melissa Peterson of Parks n Rec.
Next, Lysann is planning a meeting with a city attorney to discuss a change to a city ordinance.
In January/February she will meet with the park advisory board.
Yet to be determined is how people will sign up to participate in no mow May. Will it be a sign-up list, a sign in your yard or another method?

- **Goodwill Tour**:
  - The tour will be Nov 29 at 1pm. Laura will confirm with Jill Hinton
  - It's the Goodwill at 611 Lindbergh Ave behind Harbor Freight on Haines Ave.

- **Earth Day**: Cathy Thrash has been working on some ideas. No further updates

- **Dark Skies**:
  - Lysann said that the International Dark Sky Assn would like to partner with RCSC to hold an art contest for kids during April 2022
  - The mayor could judge the entries
  - Possibly present a program for the Rapid City council
  - Laura said a citizen asked her if bright halogen headlights on vehicles are legal. Laura asked if they have a dark skies implication. Lysann thought car headlights are more temporary and thus not typically listed as an issue for dark skies

- **Member Vacancies**:
  - Alan asked Tessa LaHaie if she wanted to move up from being an alternate member. She said yes.
  - Alan will ask the City to make a public announcement for people to submit applications to be on the RCSC
  - Laura asked if RCSC was considering selecting new committee members based on qualifications the committee is lacking – such as a social media coordinator. But there could be other qualifications that could be beneficial
  - RCSC committee appointments are initiated by recommendation by the committee chair (Alan) to the mayor. The mayor makes the final appointment.
  - Alan met with Daniel Carrol and will nominate him for the open position as RCSC alternate member. Welcome Daniel!

- **South Dakota’s VW Mitigation funds**: no updates

- **Social Media Coordinator**: no volunteers yet. Alan, Lysann, Ria and Kevin all currently have access to post on Facebook. Lysann has access to post on Instagram

- **City Hall Green Roof update**: no updates

- **Working more closely with the city on recycling and composting update**: no updates

- **Youth City Council**: no updates

- **Vision Fund**: no updates

- **Sustainability Coordinator Position**:
  - Dale Tech asked Kristen to send an email to City staff detailing what the City was doing on the sustainability front
  - Kristen proposed a sustainability coordinator position to be part of the Public Works budget in March 2022 with a hire date in 2023
  - The mayor saw the email Kristen wrote about the position but no feedback yet
  - Kristen said it's important to generate buy-in from government, industry and private entities for the sustainability position in order for sustainability initiatives to be more widely accepted
  - Kristen wants help from this committee to define a vision for where we want our City to go – what specific goals do we want a sustainability coordinator to work towards.
  - Kristen met with Cheryl Chapman who suggested selling the position as one of resilience or how well our community comes back from natural disasters
Kristen thinks the council would like to see a 5–10-year vision from staff before acting on the position.

- Alan said the sustainability committee would like to help create the vision.
- Kristen said she reviewed the UN Sustainability goals as a baseline for creating the vision.

- CAMP: no updates
- Pollinator Garden: no updates
- BottleHub: no updates

New Business
- None.

Informational Items
- Upcoming Meetings and Events:
  - Dec 6th – City council meeting, 6:30PM
  - Dec 13th – RCSC Regular meeting, 5:30 PM at the Accelerator building, 18 E Main St. Garth is planning a tour for the group.
  - Farmers Market - Every Saturday from 8am - 2pm - 245 E Omaha St, Rapid City

Adjournment - 7:00pm

Minutes submitted by David Holland