



## Meeting Minutes

November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 its 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 6<sup>th</sup> – City council meeting, 6:30PM
  - Dec 13<sup>th</sup> – 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**