Meeting Minutes
January 10th, 2021 @ 5:30 PM
Zoom Meeting – Open to the Public

Members Present: Ria Harper, Lysann Zeller, Alan Anderson, Dave Holland, Patricia Scarborough, Jason Phillips, Cathy Thrash, Daniel Carroll, Kelli Juhl, Ilke Celik
Liaisons:
Guests: Carla Marshall, Megan Werpy
Absent Members: Kevin Crosby, Garth Wadsworth, Tessa LaHaie

Call to Order - 5:33pm

Votes Taken: November 22nd Minutes Approval
Motion approved to pay $42.56 out of 2022 budget for leftover shipping cost of 2021 bike racks

Agenda Approval: Approved with the addition of GoodWill Tour

Public Comments / Committee Updates: Ria is changing from Outreach to Committee to City Facilities

Officers’ Reports
Secretary (Ria): 12/22 Minutes approved - Lysann motioned, Patricia second - motion carried
Treasurer (Patricia): Patricia motioned for $42.56 to be spent from 2022 budget, Ria second - motion carried.

- With purchase of the bike rack, there was a little bit of shipping cost that wasn’t covered from the 2021 budget. We need to pull $42.56 from the 2022 budget. Black Hills Bikes only charged us cost for the bike racks, they did not make money off of our purchase! Thank you Black Hills Bikes. We should consider shouting them out/acknowledging them as a sponsor.

Social Media: Ria offered to take the Social Media position if someone would like to take the Secretary position.

Old Business
- Budget
  - Budget is expected to stay the same as last year - $2000
- Awards nominations for 2022
  - Abby’s Feed and Seed - Doing sustainable work in their company
  - Sonny Rivers - Does a lot of work with the Solar Energy in the Black Hills
  - YFS - They have a very sustainable garden and use their food within YFS
  - Home Grown Goods - Saved about 500+ pairs of jeans from the landfill in 2021. She makes doggy bandanas/toys from the jeans and sends the denim parts she does not use to someone in CO that uses the rest.
- Possibly GoodWill for their sustainable efforts?
- **If you have a nomination, please fill out the form on**
  https://www.rcgov.org/departments/public-works/solid-waste-division/sustainability-committee.html

- **No Mow May update**
  - Lysann wasn’t able to attend the last meeting - it was staff only
  - Lysann emailed to see what happened at the meeting and hasn’t gotten a response yet

- **Earth Day ideas**
  - Haven’t heard from Bryan Mitchell (WDT contact) about if they are doing the Earth Day Expo again or not
  - Contemplating doing last year’s format again? Various outdoor activities, a guest speaker, a variety of businesses throughout town did fun activities, etc
  - Carla is going to contact DRA to verify that they are going to be involved with the Earth Day this year
  - Earth Day is Friday, April 22nd this year

- **Dark Skies**
  - Still would like to do an art contest this Spring and have the Mayor judge the entries
  - Coincides with Earth Week
  - The Dark Skies Association is working with the Badlands, Wind Cave and Jewel Cave to be a registered dark skies park but it is a long process

- **Member Vacancies**
  - Don’t have any at the moment, although Kevin will be leaving soon and there will be an opening
  - We’ve had one new applicant - Alan is going to forward the application through email

- **SD VW Mitigation Funds updates**
  - The grant recipients will be announced on January 18th

- **Vision Funds status**
  - City Council is currently having a meeting about Vision Funds, so updates to come

- **Social Media Coordinator - previously mentioned**

- **Sustainability Coordinator Position**
  - Program Development Manager job opening in Public Works
  - Kristen is working on circulating some sustainable job duties into this position

- **City Hall Green Roof**
  - Meeting with Rod Johnson went well!
  - Want to start small - the whole roof is 13,000 square feet
  - They want to use the green roof as a potential outreach/research project
  - Different sections of the roof can be used for different types: stormwater management, energy efficiency, etc
  - Sounds like they want to include a patio area
  - Sounds like the current mentality of the green roof is that it is going to be a lot of work to maintain and it’s creating hesitancy. Reality is that it will be a huge benefit
  - Most grants for green roofs require a city sustainability coordinator and if you don’t have one, you aren’t even eligible

- **Meeting at Ascent Center**
Alan is going to coordinate with Garth soon and see if we can get a date!

- Working more closely with the city on recycling and composting - no update
- Youth City Council update
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- Pollinator Garden
  - Pollinator garden got trimmed down :
    - We had asked that it be left alone in its natural state but there was a miscommunication somewhere
- BottleHub - no update

**Informational Items**
- Upcoming Meetings and Events
  - Jan 24th - Next RCSC Regular Meeting, 5:30pm
  - Jan 17th - City Council Meeting, 6:30pm
  - Farmers Market - Winter Hours - Every Saturday 9am - 12am

Adjournment - 6:55pm

Minutes submitted by Ria Harper