Meeting Minutes
February 14th, 2022 @ 5:30 PM

Meeting in Person – Open to the Public
2nd Floor West Meeting Room | Rapid City Hall | 300 6th Street

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

Call to Order - 5:51pm
Votes Taken:
Agenda Approval:
Public Comments / Committee Updates:

Officers’ Reports
Secretary (Ria): January 24th Minutes Tabled (No quorum)
Treasurer (Patricia): Reimbursement request for bike racks is entered. The website is due for renewal ($200).
Social Media: No updates. Kevin will be removing himself from Facebook admin.
Lysann and Kevin will coordinate to make Lysann in charge of the gmail.

Old Business
- Earth Day
  - Ilke told Alan that her students are excited about participating in Earth Day which sounds like mainly activities that will be on campus.
  - Alan is going to send out a Doodle Poll about when the best time for the first Earth Day Meeting should be. Contact him if you’d like to be on the committee!
- Member Vacancies
  - Faith Ireland from the University of SD expressed an interest in sustainability in Rapid City. She is graduating with her Masters in Sustainability and is thinking about moving to Rapid City. She is a possible new member in the future and we will try to keep her informed of our activities.
- Secretary Position Volunteer
  - No updates.
- Sustainability Coordinator Position update
  - Laura has been very active in coordinating this effort and reaching out!
  - Alan had coffee with Eirik Heikes to get a better understanding of what has been done in the past with the committee.
  - The Mayor verbally mentioned hiring a Sustainability Coordinator in 2023! It needs to be under Public Works with an initial focus on Solid Waste.
Kevin mentioned that we need to add into the job description that the Sustainability Coordinator needs to be highly involved with the committee and/or chair. There shouldn’t be any reason our committee and the Sustainability Coordinator shouldn’t be highly involved.

Laura has drafted a letter that we could deliver to the Mayor that could be signed by the current and previous Sustainability Committee chairpersons that strongly supports the approval of the Sustainability Coordinator position.

The election for the new mayor and some council members will be held in June and they will be in office in July. The new budget will be adopted in September so we should keep expressing support for the Sustainability Coordinator position.

Having separate organizations (Elevate for example) send in letters of support for this position would help our case. We can draft the letter or paragraph and then send it to them so it’s easy to just put a letterhead on.

Dave mentioned that Fort Collins has a great YouTube video that explains their Sustainability Department, it’s worth watching! You can google Fort Collins Sustainability Department and it should come up.

- Scout Merit Badge Midway
  - We will be meeting with Scouts to teach them about sustainability
  - 8:00am - 12:15pm on March 12th

- Sustainability Presentation at Stevens HS
  - An English teacher at Stevens reached out hoping to have someone present to her English classes on March 9th and 10th. She’s hoping that we can cover what sustainability is and some hopeful solutions to the pollution that we have in Rapid City. There are three classes and each one is about a 20-30 minute presentation. If you are interested, please reach out to Alan! We need volunteers!

New Business
- Farmers Market Building Funding
  - Farmers Market reached out to see if anyone on our committee would like to sit in on our board. They meet at 7pm on the third Thursday of every month.

Informational Items
- Upcoming Meetings and Events
  - Feb 28th - Next RCSC Regular Meeting, 5:30pm
  - Feb 21st - City Council Meeting, 6:30pm
  - Farmers Market - Winter Hours - Every Saturday 9am – 12pm
    - 245 E Omaha St, Rapid City, SD

Adjournment - 7:14pm

Minutes submitted by Ria Harper