Meeting Minutes  
April 11th, 2022 @ 5:30 PM

Zoom Meeting – Open to the Public

Members Present: Ria Harper, Lysann Zeller, Alan Anderson, Kelli Juhl, Dave Holland, Patricia Scarborough, Scott Kenner
  Liaisons: Laura Armstrong, Bill Evans
  Guests: Dan Rasby, Lynn Taylor Rick (interested citizen inquiring about the PBR project that we started)
  Absent Members: Garth Wadsorth, Ilke Celik, Cathy Thrash, Jason Phillips, Tessa LaHaie, Daniel Carroll

Call to Order - 5:39pm

Votes Taken: 3/28 Minutes approved
  - Spending up to $150 on Earth Day activities
  - Helping Dark Skies get their banners up downtown
  - Approving the Sustainability Coordinator letter to the Mayor in its current form so that signatures can get collected

Agenda Approval:

Public Comments / Committee Updates: Has anyone heard of any schools taking advantage of the Farm to School grant that SD is offering?

Officers’ Reports
  Secretary (Ria): Minutes from 3/28 approved: Patricia motioned, Scott second - motion carried
  Treasurer (Patricia): $1782.78
  Social Media (Ria / Cathy): Instagram followers are increasing! Yay!

Old Business
  - Earth Day
    o Ria shared the ‘rough draft’ of the calendar for everyone
    o Add EchoWorks at the Farmers Market to the Earth Day Calendar
    o Kelli is just finishing the Hunter Lovins video from last year’s Earth Day! We are trying to figure out how/where to store that video since it is a large file.
    o We can look into creating a YouTube Channel and upload it to there. Any user with access to downloading an uploaded video at any time.
    o Bill Evans made a great suggestion that the City Council records all of their meetings and they must be stored somewhere. Alan is going to connect with Darrell and see what storage he has for the council meetings and if that’s something that we can do.
    o The Youth City Council is celebrating Earth Week by doing a recycle war
between Central and Stevens. It’s like a penny war but with recycled items. Recycling cans are placed all around the schools and at the end of each day, the students count each recycled item that was placed into the cans.

- Is there any way that we could sponsor something for the winner? Maybe provide them with some more recycling cans. WDT has some that their welders made and we were looking at selling. They were a few hundred dollars - whatever the cost was to make them.
  - Patricia - motioned to spend up to $150 on Earth Day activities, Ria second - motion carried

- Award Presentation and the Mayor’s Proclamation
  - Monday, April 18th! Please come if you can!

- Meeting at the Ascent Center
  - One of the meetings in the next couple of months will be at the Ascent Center. Alan is going to get with Garth to set that up.

- Dark Skies
  - Lysann sent an email out and Wind Cave and the Badlands are both still working on becoming a Dark Skies park.
  - Dark Skies does have banners that are set up downtown to increase awareness
    - Ria motioned to help with filling out the application to get the banners set up downtown - Patricia second - motion carried

- Member Vacancies
  - Kevin’s last meeting was our last meeting in March :(.
  - The Mayor’s Office is going to keep us informed on applications that are coming in

- Stevens High School Letters
  - Korynn messaged Alan and asked if we would like to read the letters that the Stevens students ended up turning in.
    - YES please! They will be forwarded out soon in email.

- Sustainability Coordinator Position
  - The letter has been edited by quite a few members and should be pretty good to go!
  - Bill mentioned that we need to talk to Laura about how to deliver this letter to the Mayor
    - Patricia motioned to approve the letter in its current form and to collect signatures - Scott second - motion carried
  - How did the meeting go with possibly stepping stones for establishing goals?
    - Bill mentioned that Kristen gave a presentation on what sustainability was
    - We need to decide on the background and training for this person. Maybe an engineer? Bill thought that people within the sustainability field should be involved with those credentials.
    - This ended up being more of a status meeting and where everything is at than a building goal meeting

New Business

*Few insights from Laura Armstrong before she had to leave:*

- Laura is in full support of forwarding the letter to the Mayor. It’s important to document this in a letter format and getting signatures is important - the more, the merrier. Laura had a meeting with the Mayor about the Sustainability Coordinator and also about maybe hiring a Grant Writer.
- Laura got Holly Meier’s (Sioux Falls Sustainability Coordinator) contact and is hoping to create a connection with her. It’s important to have a close relationship with our cities.
● There will be a group getting together soon to talk about rewriting ordinances for the city. Laura is challenging us to think about anything that we want to add (No Mow May?).
● The Youth City Council does have an Environmental Committee
● The green roof idea is going to be tabled until we can get a Sustainability Coordinator hired on (grant purposes). The only thing holding that project back is cost.
● Bike tour May 21st - Kip Harrington is coordinating the annual city bicycle tour. This is an annual event where a bunch of bicyclists ride around for a few hours!

Reports from Breakout Sessions

Informational Items

● Upcoming Meetings and Events
  ○ April 14th - Earth Day Committee Meeting, 4pm
  ○ April 14th - SDSMT Poster Presentations
  ○ April 18th - City Council Meeting, 6:30pm
  ○ April 18th - Home Grown Goods Award Presentation during Council & Earth Day Proclamation
  ○ April 22nd - Earth Day Movie Event at the Dahl
  ○ April 25th - RCSC Regular Meeting, 5:30pm
  ○ Farmers Market - Winter Hours - Every Saturday at 9am - 12am.
    245 E Omaha Street, Rapid City

Adjournment - 6:59pm

Minutes submitted by Ria Harper