Meeting Minutes  
July 25th, 2022 @ 5:30 PM
In Person & Zoom Meeting – Open to the Public

Liaisons: Pat Roseland  
Guests: Dan Rasby  
Absent Members: Ilke Celik, Tessa LaHaie, Daniel Carroll, Dave Holland

Call to Order - 5:39pm

Votes Taken:
- Motion to approve minutes from 7/11
- Motion to approve bylaws change to move officer elections to first meeting in August
- Motion made to testify at the Legal and Finance meeting against the Jenny Gulch exploratory drilling/mining

Agenda Approval: Approved

Public Comments / Committee Updates:
- On October 1st, there will be a Cruiser Car Show that will showcase some electric vehicles. It’s from 2-6pm downtown.
- There was a Robbinsdale resident that had a rain barrel and was collecting water and someone (maybe the City of Rapid City?) came and told them that they weren’t able to collect rain water. Is it illegal? Why? Kelli mentioned that they might have that law/ordinance because technically that water may belong to someone downstream already. There are very strict laws with the Colorado River because many areas that grab water from that river are dry and need every drop they can get. If they take more than they are supposed to, they are technically ‘robbing’ from someone downstream.
- YFS is having their Harvest Fest in September if anyone wants to participate? Patricia is going to head this on! Get in contact with her if you would like to volunteer. This event takes place on Saturday, September 10th at the YFS Fullerton Farm in Box Elder. This will be an educational booth event focusing on farm, nutrition, food, culture, sustainability, and healthy fun! We need to think of an educational booth activity. Booth examples from past years include beekeeping, vermicomposting, herb taste tests, vegetable taste tests, mushroom inoculations, yoga, garden scavenger hunts, insects of SD, recycling electronics, etc.
- West Blvd Neighborhood Association is going to get started up again with the Skyline Preservation. They’ve kind of been on a hiatus but they have been working on getting as much land donated as they can!

Officers’ Reports
Secretary (Ria) :
Motion made to approve 7/11 minutes by Patricia, Scott seconded - motion carried.

Treasurer (Patricia) :
$1129.84 remaining balance

Social Media (Ria / Cathy) :
No updates

Old Business
● Award updates
  ○ We did establish August 15th as the date that we are going to give the award to Black Hills Solar. The award is ready to go! Patricia is going to work on a press release for Darrell.
● Elections / By Laws Change
  ○ Last meeting we presented the change in writing to change the date of the elections to the first meeting in August. This meeting we are going to vote.
    ■ Scott motioned to approve, Ria seconded - motion carried.

New Business
● Discussion of Forest Service Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) concerning the NEPA Environmental Assessment of the request from F3 to conduct mine exploration drilling in Jenny Gulch and Rapid City’s watershed.
  ○ Rapid Creek Watershed Action is spearheading this objection. There are ideas floating around to try and make Jenny Gulch an official recreational area and that would automatically remove it from being susceptible to mining.
  ○ Rapid Creek Watershed has an excellent website that gives you different tools.
  ○ We need to reach out to the City and we need to encourage them to take some sort of formal action to oppose this. We need to offer our assistance in any form.
    ■ Legal and Finance are meeting on Wednesday at 12:30 - we can send someone as our representative.
    ■ The following Monday will be the City Council meeting where they discuss the results of the Legal and Finance Committee.
    ■ Patricia mentioned that Dave suggested that this company needs to be financially responsible if they damage the watershed.
  ○ Alan suggested we authorize the committee to testify at the Legal and finance meeting during the public comment in an effort to prevent the exploratory drilling/mining at Jenny Gulch.
    ■ Motion made by Alan, seconded by Patricia - motion carried.

Informational Items
● Upcoming Meetings and Events
  ○ July 29th - Sustainability Coordinator Position Subcommittee Meeting 12pm at Murphy’s
  ○ August 8th - Sustainability Committee Meeting - Zoom
  ○ August 15th - City Council Meeting, 6:30pm - Black Hills Solar Sustainability Award Presentation
Farmers Market - Every Saturday and Wednesday from 8am - 2pm
- 245 E Omaha Street, Rapid City

Subcommittee Groups Breakout Session to work on Updating 2022 Work Plan

Adjournment - 7:34pm

Minutes submitted by Ria Hannon