Meeting Minutes
August 22nd, 2022 @ 5:30 PM
Zoom Meeting – Open to the Public

Members Present: Alan Anderson, Lysann Zeller, Ria Hannon, Kelli Juhl, Patricia Scarborough, Scott Kenner, Cathy Thrash, Dave Holland
Liaisons: Pat Roseland
Guests: Kelly Moore
Absent Members: Ilke Celik, Tessa LaHaie, Daniel Carroll, Jason Phillips, Garth Wadsworth

Call to Order - 5:35pm

Votes Taken: Minutes approved from 8/8 meeting
   Motion approved that up to $200 can be spent on supplies for the YFS Harvest Festival

Agenda Approval: Approved
Public Comments / Committee Updates:
   There is a huge grant program that the EPA has for buying sustainable water heaters, lighting, etc that is rolling out with the new climate bill that just passed. In 2024, there should be an immediate rebate when you purchase an item like this. It’s really new, so there should be some new news articles that will be posted soon.

Officers’ Reports
   Secretary (Ria): Motion to approve the minutes from the 8/8 meeting made by Lysann, seconded by Patricia - motion carried.
   Treasurer (Patricia): $1,129.84 remaining balance
   Kelli motioned that we spend up to $200 on supplies for the YFS Harvest Festival, Scott seconded - motion carried.
   Social Media (Ria / Cathy):
      749 followers on Instagram (+6 followers from last meeting)
      955 followers on Facebook (+1 follower from last meeting)
      Ria will help create a Linktree for posting links on Instagram.

Old Business
   • Award Update
      • We are going to consider YFS after we complete the tour of their facility on Wednesday.
      • Scott mentioned that the Star Village hill is under erosion control which is a huge deal! We may be able to consider those that are involved in this project (Dan Driscoll and West Dakota Water Development District) for an award.
• Member Vacancies
  ○ Alan is still in the process of meeting with the new applicants.

• F3 Exploratory Mining FONSI City Council Resolution
  ○ Open comment on the USFS draft decision closes today, August 22\textsuperscript{nd}.
  ○ If you did not submit a comment initially, your comment will not be considered.
  ○ There is another mining operation being considered up by Spearfish Canyon. If you’d like to submit a comment on that, please do!

• Work Plan update
  ○ No update - Subcommittees will submit their completed work plans soon.

• Sustainability Coordinator Position Sub-Committee
  ○ The Mayor said that we don’t really need to worry about money, there is plenty of room to make adjustments within the budget when needed. We likely won’t make the 2023 budget however. Don’t worry about a deadline - aka before next year’s budget.
  ○ We need to do more work on our relationship with the City Council, and what sustainability means to Rapid City and why it is important. We need to get City Council, department heads, sustainability committee, etc together and have a moderator guide us and do it TOGETHER. The Mayor is going to talk to Leah Braun (City Culture Strategist) and work on getting a ‘retreat’ together.
  ○ When Sioux Falls was working on their Sustainability and Climate Action Plan, they sent out a public input questionnaire to get feedback on what sustainability meant to them. We can use those survey results for future actions or maybe even create our own.
  ○ The Mayor said that he was going to send out a survey in a few weeks and could add sustainability stuff on there. We need to keep tabs on this because if that doesn’t go to fruition, then we may need to do our own survey.
  ○ If things are looking positive, the Mayor and maybe Leah Braun will come to one of our meetings next month.
  ○ If we do end up doing a retreat, we might want to think about doing some ‘bullet comments’ so that we all kind of have the same answers.

Informational Items

Upcoming Meetings and Events

- August 24th - Tour of YFS
  ○ 120 E Adams Street at 2pm
- August 27th - Clean Water Alliance 5k Run/Walk at 9am (Old Storybook Island)
- September 5th - City Council Meeting at 6:30pm
- September 12th - Sustainability Committee Meeting on Zoom
- Farmers Market - Every Wednesday and Saturday from 8am- 2pm
  ○ 245 E Omaha Street, Rapid City

Adjournment - 6:36pm

Minutes submitted by Ria Hannon