

Rapid City Sustainability Committee

Meeting Agenda

January 25, 2016

5:30 PM

Mission Statement

The purpose of the Rapid City Standing Committee on Sustainability is to encourage education, stewardship and policy leadership that will make our community a leader in economic, social and environmental sustainability.

CSAC Community Room

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 11, 2016 Meeting.

III. General Public Comment: (A time of the public to express concerns to the Board on any issue not on the agenda. Any items on the agenda will be heard at the appropriate time. Action will not be taken at the meeting on any issue not on the agenda.)

IV. Welcome of Guests/Visitors/Liaisons – Subcommittee members, Dark Skies group, Downtown Master Plan update (Sarah Hanzel).

V. New Business-

- A. Downtown Master Plan conducted Open Houses during week of January 11th. Sarah Hanzel to discuss next steps.
- B. International Sustainability Conference; Portland Conference January 21-23rd. Darla, Beth Anne, and Eirik attended. www.onsustainability.com, <http://onsustainability.com/>
Representatives to provide a brief summary and then make preparations for a more thorough presentation to City Council. Access to resources through Scholar Social Knowledge Platform.
- C. Facebook page progress? It is up and active. Looks great! Nice work Kevin and Nisa! We now need to start populating with content.
- D. Dark Skies status update on ordinance efforts. **A Dark Skies event considered for Earth Hour on March 19, 2015.** A great chance to create some momentum. Subcommittee formed including Diane Knutson, Nisa, Kelly Moore, Don Martinez, Jennifer Benning, Kevin Crosby, and Ryhen Walsh. Should we put on our list for content to upload to Facebook?
- E. Meeting attendance at RCAC to discuss Art Education and Sustainability in Schools. Is scheduled for February 23rd, 2016 and will be at Dahl Arts Center Linda Anderson Conference room. Eirik to discuss with RCAC about the material and intention for meeting.

VI. Old Business

A. Sustainability Awards Program

Awards Applications and additional information can now be found on the City of Rapid City website at the following location <http://www.rcgov.org/Community-Resources/sustainability-committee.html>

1. Should we change our awards in 2016? Bark is falling off the old type and is unsightly. Group needs some additional awards for upcoming distribution. Committee likes the wooden type; we need to make more. Eirik to follow up with Ken Steinken.
2. Current Nominations and Award Recipients
 - a. SDSM&T Porous Pavements – Jennifer Benning to advise as to when to make presentation aligning with MR Hanson availability.

3. Possible Nominations

- a. Black Hills Habitat for Humanity; ReStore (contact Scott Ingman), Garfield Green project. Kelly Moore is Liaison.
 - b. Pinedale School Stormwater Management Improvements – Eirik Heikes visited the project. Summary to be given. *Prepare a nomination for 2016?* Emily and Eirik to discuss next steps.
 - c. North Side Community Gardens (Nisa Joy?)- Follow up with Blaise Emerson?
 - d. Lemon Avenue Community Garden- Nisa / Dave Johnson? Local Foods access angle?
- B. Star Rating System for Communities- Good summary and research presented at December 14th Meeting. Committee to determine next steps (implementation). A challenge was presented at last meeting that all attendees read the STAR information for better understanding.
- C. We all agree we need a Sustainability Coordinator as part of City of Rapid City Staff. Update.
- D. Update with discussion about Stormwater Basin Education discussion with Cathie Draine, Columnist for Rapid City Journal. Cathie had also visited with Jerry Wright regarding same. We now have Emily Fisher as part of committee and can expand our analysis and metric. The Trinity Project was a nice educational feature for Stormwater and Greenswales. Eirik and Emily to look into this effort as well as the Pinedale Project for possible award.
- E. CBDG Community Block Development Grant updates. Affordable housing discussed at January 11th meeting.
- F. Strategic Partnering with Citizens Climate Lobby, Thunder Valley, and Dakota Rural Action?
- G. Continue collaboration efforts with SDSMT and BHSU.

VII. Committee Reports

- H. A subcommittee formed for Sustainability Conference. Eirik to Chair the subcommittee and will nominate new members as previous have since left. We will start making plans upon return from Portland Conference and will have some inspiration there.
- I. Community Garden / Local Foods Subcommittee formed at last meeting. Nisa will be Subcommittee Chair. Western South Dakota Community Action and Dakota Rural Action, among others, to participate. Great resources at the Portland Conference.

VIII. General Information (to be discussed or updated as time allows)

- A. Committee Goals and updates/ reporting.

Goals for 2015/2016	We need a strategic planning session to establish some new goals and revisit those established in annual report. This will be one of our priorities for Spring 2016.
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IX. Adjourn

X. Next Meeting: February 8, 2016 5:30 PM @ Community Room of CSAC.