

City of Brookings

Sustainability Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 8th, 2026, 4:00 PM BMU Water Plant; 1230 34th Ave, Brookings

Sustainability Council Members: Anthony Shanks, Albert Patin, Robin Buterbaugh, Kiley Rath, Kyle Jamison, Conner Evers, Alicia Heich, Madalynn Graham, Baily Teveldal, and SDSU Student Representative VACANT, City Staff: Joshua Bauman Assistant Parks, Recreation & Forestry Director

1. Call to Order

T. Shanks

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to Approve agenda: A. Patin

Second: M. Graham

Aye: All Opposed: None

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion to Approve: M. Graham

Second: A. Haich

Aye: All Opposed: None

4. Open Forum

At this time, any member of the public may request time on the agenda for an item not listed. Items are not typically scheduled for the end of the meeting; however, very brief announcements of invitations will be allowed at this time.

5. City Update - Josh Bauman

- Target - planned opening in late June
- Kwik Star - planned opening in October
- Rec programming opens on the 15th
- Arbor Day Proclamation April 24th at 1pm at Pioneer Park
 - Planting Honey Locust tree
- Urban Forestry Initiative April 22nd
 - New this year: Any homes in Zone 4 or built within the last 5 years are eligible for 2 trees
- Native Plant Initiative April 22nd
 - New this year: No minimum order
- Conservation area on South Medary to be burned in May
- 20th and 22nd under construction with a June finish date
- Bid ads start April 10th for the golf course water sourcing

6. Updates/Reports from Subcommittees

a. Education and Outreach

- K. Rath: According to the social media calendar:
 - “Pack it in, Pack it out” City Social Media Post, Sherry confirmed will go out in April. Can also do our designated April post as well.
 - April: promote Earth Day/Adopt-a-Park and any related in-town events.
 - Natural Resource Management Earth Day event on campus: April 15th 11-1pm Student Union
 - Arbor Day 25th - Parks Dept. to plant a tree at Pioneer Park - Urban Forest Initiative reminder?
 - Free Share & Care Day - Saturday, April 25th

b. Climate (Biodiversity)

- Pollinator Day - June 20th - will talk about next meeting.

c. Waste

- A. Patin: No Updates.

d. Energy

- No Updates.

e. Local Foods

- R. Buterbaugh:
 - Spring/Summer Budget total: \$965 basic supplies + \$500 for a shed = \$1,500
 - Plant main trees and shrubs (set to arrive end of April) at during meeting in May.
 - Then cardboard/mulch and install signs in May.
 - Schedule ribbon cutting for June? Talk about next meeting.
 - More volunteer days to come.
 - Fall: plant understory plants, and add quartzite path
 - Sept. 19th - Specialty Producers Association Field Day at McCrory - will visit Food Forest
 - M. Graham: Motion to approve up to \$800 to purchase watering accessories (drip line, timer, etc.), a wheelbarrow, and plant cart for Food Forest
 - Second: C. Evers Aye: All Opposed: Nay

7. Updates from Liaisons

- a. Parks and Recreation Board - Stephen Hartung
 - i. No Updates
- b. Planning Commission - K. Jamison
- c. Historic Preservation (Vacant)
- d. Local Emergency Planning Commission - A. Patin

- e. BATA (Vacant)

8. Continuing Items

- a. SDSU Student BSC position open
- b. SDSU Student Project Ideas
- c. Volunteers for tabling at events
 - i. Garden Discovery on Sunday, May 31st 1-4pm.
 - ii. Pollinator Day on June 20th, 9am-12pm.

9. Call for Future Agenda Items

- a. Next Meeting - planting at Food Forest - bring shovels!
 - i. A. Patin Motion to approve up to \$150 for snacks/refreshments for our working meeting.
 - 1. Second: R. Buterbaugh Aye: All Opposed: Nay
- b. J. Bauman Charlie Kuhn coming in May to answer questions and give an update on composting program, etc.
- c. Food Forest Ribbon Cutting

10. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: A. Patin

Second: C. Evers

Aye: All Opposed: None

Respectfully submitted by Kiley Rath.