

City of Brookings

Sustainability Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 10th, 2026, 4:00 PM Brookings Community Food Forest @ Douglas-Chittick Community Gardens - Highway 14 Bypass & Medary Ave Brookings, SD 57006

1. Call to Order

T. Shanks

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to Approve agenda: M. Graham

Second: R. Buterbaugh

Aye: All Opposed: None

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion to Approve: R. Buterbaugh

Second: K. Jamison

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. Update: Budget

- J. Bauman: No Updates

6. Garden Discovery Day at McCrory Recap

- M. Graham: A lot of positive feedback from the community about the composting program

7. Rabbit Control

- J. Bauman: Causing expensive damage for the City and homeowners alike.
- A. Patin: Sioux Falls implemented something years ago where residents could use bow & arrow inside City limits to help control the deer population. Perhaps we could do something similar? Find a grant for humane traps?

8. Continuing Items

- a. *Volunteers for tabling at events*
 - i. *Pollinator Day on June 20th, 9am-12pm.*

9. Call for Future Agenda Items

- A. Patin: for future volunteer events - when sign ups are sent out, hoping to send out email reminders, especially the week of the event, to know who's in charge of creating/acquiring/bringing handouts and supplies.
- R. Buterbaugh: Bobbi from the Farmers Market inquiring about bees out at the Community Food Forest.

140. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: M. Graham

Second: C. Evers

Aye: All

Opposed: None

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

Respectfully submitted by Kiley Rath.