

**City of Brookings**  
**Sustainability Council Meeting Minutes**  
Wednesday, May 13th, 2026, 4:00 PM Brookings Community Food Forest

**1. Call to Order**

A. Patin

**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: C. Evers

Second: R. Buterbaugh

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. New Member Welcome**

**6. Solid Waste Update: Charlie Kuhn**

- The City passed an ordinance to ban e-waste from City garbage pickup and has initiated an e-waste recycling program.
  - All e-waste must be brought to the landfill
  - The first week was free dropoff - collected 21,000 pounds
  - Now citizens will be charged \$0.75 per pound - weigh & pay at landfill
- 345 tons collected during Spring Bulky Pickup (compared to 374 tons last year)
- Food Composting Pilot program
  - Recent survey (100+ results) gave a lot of positive feedback
  - 14,340 pounds collected so far, equating to 300-400 pounds per week
  - There has been very minimal contamination
- Recycling
  - Will campaign over the summer to emphasize that recycles must be loose and not bagged. Considering an audit program if bags continue to show up in City recycling.
  - K. Jamison: Recommended a popular recycling method for glass is to turn into sand and create building materials
  - A. Patin: What is the current diversion rate? C. Kuhn: Around 30%

**7. City Update - Josh Bauman**

- Ideas on rabbit control?
- 20th and 22nd to be completed by end of May
- Department heads are in Arkansas for the Congress of New Urbanism Conference
- Forestry staff planted 60 trees in Zone 4
- Ash removals will stop at the end of the month and begin again in September
- Public Works has begun treating standing water for mosquito larvae
- Wooden Legs Brewing - Approved for a Parklet
- Mosaic Wine Bar - Approved for sidewalk seating

## **8. Update: Budget**

- J. Bauman: No Updates.

## **9. Conference Update**

- J. Bauman: No longer a sustainability conference in IA. We will be on the lookout for other options

## **10. Updates/Reports from Subcommittees**

### a. Education and Outreach

- K. Rath:
  - March's planned post to be posted this month or next.
  - Potential to post on socials photos of Food Forest progress

### b. Climate (Biodiversity)

- No Updates

### c. Waste

- No Updates.

### d. Energy

- A. Patin: New energy management project at Daktronics – will present on at future meeting.

### e. Local Foods

- Food Forest ribbon cutting tentatively June 10th

## **11. Updates from Liaisons**

- a. Parks and Recreation Board - Stephen Hartung
  - i. No Updates
- b. Planning Commission - K. Jamison

- i. No Updates
- c. Local Emergency Planning Commission - A. Patin
  - i. No Updates
- d. BATA (Vacant)

## **12. Continuing Items**

- a. *Mayor's Awards - Landfill?*
- b. *Terms Expiring - None in 2026*
- c. *SDSU Student Project Ideas*
- d. *Volunteers for tabling at events*
  - i. *Garden Discovery on Sunday, May 31st 1-4pm.*
  - ii. *Pollinator Day on June 20th, 9am-12pm.*

## **13. Call for Future Agenda Items**

## **14. Adjourn**

Motion to Adjourn: K. Jamison  
Second: B. Teveldal

Aye: All          Opposed: None

*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 Alexis Anderson, City Staff: Joshua Bauman Assistant Parks, Recreation & Forestry Director*

*Respectfully submitted by Kiley Rath.*