

City of Brookings

Sustainability Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 10, 2024 4:00 PM City & County Government Hall Room 300

Sustainability Council Members: ~~Bruce Pengra~~, Cynthia Kunkel, Kyle Jamison, Louis Hesler, Albert Patin, Samuel Krueger, Anthony Shanks, Robin Buterbaugh, Emily Abele, Kiley Rath, and SDSU Student Representative Valentyna Stopul. City Staff: Samantha Beckman Assistant to the City Manager.

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by A. Shanks

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved: E. Abele Second: L. Hesler

Aye: All Opposed: None

3. Approval of the Minutes

Moved: R. Buterbaugh Second: A. Patin

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

- Budget: \$5618/\$7300 remaining.
- No Mow May: 70 properties still not in compliance as of 6/27.
- Flooding: Six Mile Creek, Sexauer Campground, and localized flooding managed well.
- Pioneer Park Bandshell: Restoration completed, revealing scalloped edging.
- Dakota Nature Park: Recent hub for naturalist classes.
- City ARPA funding: School, Boys & Girls Club, BEDC project.
- Prairie Hills Trail Phase 2: Completed.
- Waste & Recycling Workers Week: Celebrated June 17.
- Marketplace update: National retailer working with Ryan Co for anchor tenant space by 2026.
- Stormwater incentive program: Successful native planting vouchers and rain barrel event.
- Emerald Ash Borer: Confirmed in Brookings County, impacting firewood and ash materials.

6. Speaker: Jared Thomas, Chief Building Official

The city is working on initiatives to improve energy efficiency in its buildings. Mcinstry Contracting was engaged in 2019 and 2023 to review facilities, including the Larson Ice Center, Dacotah Bank Center, Brookings Public Library, and East End Fire Department. They identified a list of priorities such as replacing the library boiler and transitioning CFLs to LEDs under a Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract. Starting in 2023, the city began exploring energy-saving projects compliant with state regulations, leveraging grant funding. The city is working with Amerisco Energy Contracting in implementing Energy Conservation Metrics, upgrading lighting systems, improving HVAC systems, and updating windows, exterior doors, roofs, and fire alarms to enhance energy efficiency and sustainability within city facilities. The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) would partially fund these projects, ensuring they align with broader city improvement goals.

7. Conference Presentation: Albert Patin

In February, the Granger Conference focused on Environmental Social Governance (ESG) and community engagement. Key takeaways included the importance of subject matter experts on steering teams, a multi-angle approach to initiatives, and considerations for psychological safety, behavioral health, diversity, and inclusion. Waste management was highlighted, emphasizing landfill mitigation, methane recovery, actual recycling rates, and community education. Energy management involved facility updates and goal setting. Additionally, the conference addressed safety and health issues in supply chains, future project utilization, and tracking waste streams to improve recycling data.

8. Downtown at Sundown Planning

August 29th 5:00-9:00 p.m. the BSC will be responsible for the children's area volunteering to make "seed balls"

9. Bee City Updates

No action has been taken since the last meeting. S. Krueger will forward the information to the Assistant City Manager to take further action.

10. Mayor's Awards Planning

Submissions are due September 1st.

Motion to nominate internally, forgoing the application process.

Moved: E. Abele Second: A. Patin

Aye: All Opposed: None

11. Strategic Plan Six Month Review

Strategic Initiative 1: Education & Outreach

Strategic Initiative 2: Food

Strategic Initiative 3: Energy

Strategic Initiative 4: Waste

All goals are currently being met. More emphasis could be given to address education and outreach within the next 6 months.

12. Review Subcommittee Positions

a. Marketing and Communication: S. Krueger, K. Rath, L. Hesler, V. Stopul

b. Climate Action Plan: A. Patin, B. Pengre, A. Shanks

c. Waste: E. Abele, K. Jamison, A. Patin

d. Energy: S. Krueger, K. Rath, L. Hesler, B. Pengra

e. Local Foods: R. Buterbaugh, K. Jamison, V. Stopul, L. Hesler, C. Kunkel

13. Updates/Reports from Subcommittees

a. Marketing and Communication: No Updates.

b. Climate Action Plan: No Updates

c. Waste: No Updates

d. Energy: No Updates

e. Local Foods: working on getting a cost for signage for the Food Forest. R.

Buterbaugh will email the estimate to A. Shanks.

14. Updates from Liaisons

a. Parks and Recreation Board: No Updates

b. Planning Commission Liaison: No Updates

c. LEPC: No Updates

d. Historic Preservation Commission: No Updates

15. Call for Future Agenda Items

-Nocturnal Moth Walk at Mccrory Gardens

16. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn

Moved: E. Abele Second: K. Jamison

Aye: All Opposed: None

Respectfully submitted, Samuel Krueger