

City of Brookings

Sustainability Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 12th, 2025, 4:00 PM City/County Government Center; Room 300

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

1. Call to Order

T. Shanks

2. Approval of the (Amended) Agenda

Motion to Approve: E. Abele

Second: R. Buterbaugh

Aye: All Opposed: None

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion to Approve: 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 - Josh Bauman

- Police facility open house
- Aldi opening on the 20th
- Mayors Awards Dec. 3rd @ 5pm

6. Update: Budget - Josh Bauman

- Budget \$2,439 Remaining
 - Will use this to order already-approved Food Forest signage and plant material.

7. Strategic Plan Updates

- Reviewed the document as a group, and mutually agreed on a few minor changes to reflect any necessary updates.
 - Motion to approve changes: M. Graham
 - Second: E. Abele Aye: All Opposed: None

8. BSC Holiday Potluck

- Taking place in the classroom at The Dakota Nature Park, 4p.m. on December 10th.

9. Follow Ups From Last Meeting

- Food forest signage:
 - E. Abele motions to approve the purchase of the three (3) approx. 18" x 24" aluminum signs for Food Forest (to be considered "other enhancements").
 - Second: A. Patin Aye: All Opposed: None

10. Updates/Reports from Subcommittees

a. Education and Outreach

- No Updates.
 - R. Buterbaugh: The Brookings Beacon - new online newspaper. Potential avenue for sustainability-related promotions?

b. Climate (Biodiversity) - Lead Vacant

- No Updates.
 - R. Buterbaugh: green space mapping to help with Bee City?

c. Waste

- No Updates.

d. Energy

- No Updates.

e. Local Foods

- R. Buterbaugh: Idea relating to economic relief/producing own local food - Give away bulk seeds easy to grow and promote food security within the community. Have a reserve on hand in the future of uncertainty.

11. Updates from Liaisons

a. Parks and Recreation Board - Stephen Hartung

- i. Wrapped up tree planting for the year, back to emerald ash borer treating.
- ii. Meeting with Downtown Brookings and Norm's to discuss intersection bumpouts landscaping Downtown.
- iii. East side of Library being offered for landscaping/native planting/demonstration plots

b. Planning Commission

- i. No Updates.

c. Historic Preservation (Vacant)

d. Local Emergency Planning Commission

- i. No Updates.
- e. BATA (Vacant)

12. Continuing Items

- a. Terms expiring
- b. SDSU Student Project Ideas

13. Call for Future Agenda Items

- January 14th meeting, potential tour at Millborn Seeds

14. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: M. Graham

Second: M. Graham

Aye: All Opposed: None

Respectfully submitted by Kiley Rath.