

City of Brookings Sustainability Council

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 13, 2021 4:00 PM Virtual

Sustainability Council Members: ~~Darcy Green, Brianna Kratz~~, Ben Vukovich, Albert Patin, Norma Nusz Chandler, ~~Robin Buterbaugh~~, Jennifer McLaughlin, ~~Betty L. Beer, Louis Hesler~~, Emily Abele, and SDSU Student Representative-VACANT. City Staff: Jacob Meshke, Assistant City Manager.

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion: N. Nusz Chandler Second: E. Abele

3. Approval of the Minutes

Motion: A. Patin Second: B. Vukovich

4. Open Forum

5. Guest Speaker – David O'Hara

Augustana Sustainability:

- Employing students
- Water on campus
- Outdoor classroom project
- Environmental Studies major: students "own the landscape", apple orchard, prairie, vegetable garden (30-40k meals per year), beehives between the 3 gardens
- Using UN sustainability goals

Off campus partnerships:

- Butterfly house: Coral propagation and butterflies
- Local businesses: eg. Working with Smithfield to help with partial bioremediation of Big Sioux River
- Itz'at people in Guatemala: business development for those people through Rotary Clubs in New York and Denver

Sioux Falls Sustainability Council

- Holly Meyer: Head of sustainability council.
- Working on sustainability and climate action plan.

6. City Update

- Wrapping up budget project
- Adding 2 dispatchers for 911 responders
- Food pantry project: Got grant, so will be building new one
- Yard waste collection will end of November
- Household hazardous waste collection: 250 cars participated in first annual

(maybe semi-annual) event

- Rain garden finishing up in mid-late October

7. Membership Update

- B. Kratz resigns due to moving out of Brookings. Will be looking to fill her position
- N. Nusz-Chandler and J. McLaughlin stepping away at the end of the year

8. Discussion and Possible Action on 2021 Budget

- Sponsorship of water event (\$300-400): Moved: A. Patin Second: B. Vukovich
- Reduce waste signs/drink placards for community: A. Patin getting quote
- Ads for Brookings Register (\$1599): Moved: B. Vukovich Second: N. Nusz-Chandler

- Considered survey assessing community engagement will defer until after talking with Sioux Falls sustainability council

9. Mayor's Awards Event Update

- Event postponed to December 2 5-8pm at Swiftel Center

10. Updates/Reports from Subcommittees

- a. Marketing and Communication: Nothing to report; need ideas for social media posts (maybe energy related)
- b. Waste: Nothing to report
- c. Energy: Planning meeting for next week hopefully with BMU
- d. Local Foods: Nothing to report

11. Updates from Liaisons

- a. Bicycle Committee: Nothing to report
- b. Human Rights Commission: Water panel tonight at 6:30.
- c. CLEAR: N/A

12. Call for Future Agenda Items

- Possible guest speaker/topics for conversation from Sioux Falls Sustainability Council Head
- High School students starting Sunrise Movement in Brookings

13. Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Abele