

Sustainability Council
July 11, 2014

A meeting of the Sustainability Council was held at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, July 11, 2014 at Brookings City & County Government Center with the following members present: Ben Kleinjan, Bob McGrath, Jane Hegland, Trisha Jackson, Paul Peterson, Betty Beer, Mike Lockrem, Alvaro Garcia and Norma Nusz Chandler (by phone). Absent: Holly Tilton Byrne. Laurie Carruthers was also present.

Vice-Chair Kleinjan called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. A motion was made by McGrath, seconded by Lockrem to approve the agenda. All present voted yes; motion carried. A motion was made by McGrath, seconded by Garcia, to approve June 5, 2014 minutes. All present voted yes; motion carried.

Schedule next meeting. Thornes and Carruthers schedules are not fixed in August. As soon as schedules are finalized, Carruthers will send out a doodle poll to the council.

Indicator Project Presentation Plan for July 15 Council Study Session.

Kleinjan practiced his presentation for the July 15 City Council Study Session and the council provided comments and input. Carruthers will email the ESSC and advise them of the presentation to the City Council.

2014 Community Common Read Project with the Human Rights Committee. McGrath reported from the Community Common Read subcommittee meeting. Ideas include a bicycling tour beginning at the Farmer's Market and traveling to gardens and farms in the area, interacting with the public schools, investigating an alternate location for the community gardens south of town and planning a SDSU garden.

Public Education Campaign Poster Reveal/Advertising Plan. Lockrem reported on the status of the public education campaign and the plan for 2014-15. The funding for the campaign is coming from several alternate sources. A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Beer, to move forward with the public education campaign as outlined with the funds from alternate sources. All present voted yes; motion carried.

Growing Sustainable Communities Dubuque Conference. Hegland, Beer and Jackson are all interested in attending the Dubuque Conference. Carruthers reminded everyone that mileage is half of the cost of this conference. If we have more than one member attending, they will need to carpool.

Announcements/Correspondence/Communications/Calendar

- July 15, 2014 – Brookings Benchmarks Indicator Project Presentation to the City Council
- August 13, 2014 – Bike Friendly Community Visit
- September 12, 2014 – Plain Green Conference
- October 7 & 8, 2014 – Growing Sustainable Communities Dubuque Conference – Tentatively - Hegland, Beer & Jackson

- October 27, 2014 – Presentation by Will Allen author of “The Good Food Revolution”
- November 2-3, 2014 – South Dakota Local Foods Conference, Fort Pierre
- Membership: Members’ terms were staggered with one, two and three terms when the Council was created on September 15, 2011. Terms for Hegland and McGrath expire on 12/31/14. All are eligible for a full three year term.
- Future topics: Bike racks for BATA buses, bike patrol, East Brookings industry traffic concerns, Plain Green 2015, legislative issues.

Draft August Agenda: Plain Green and Dubuque conferences.

Adjourn. A motion was made by Lockrem, seconded by Jackson, to adjourn. All present voted yes; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m.

Submitted by Laurie Carruthers