

Brookings Sustainability Council Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday July 10, 2019

A meeting of the Brookings Sustainability council was held Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at the Brookings City & County government Center at 4:00 pm with the following members.

**Present:** Robert McGrath, Paul Peterson, Norma Nusz-Chandler, Jennifer McLaughlin, Stephanie Aure, Robin Buterbaugh, Nels Granholm. City Staff: Jacob Meshke

**Absent:** Jane Hegland, Betty Beer and Shelly Brandenburger.

- I. The meeting was called to order by chair Jennifer McLaughlin at 4:00 pm.
- II. Agenda approval; motion to approve Robert M./Stephanie A. – passed.
- III. Minutes from June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting; motion to approve with no changes Norm C./Bob M. – passed.
- IV. Solid Waste Management Director: Todd Langland
  - a. Topics discussed during meeting
    - i. Food Composting: state requirements update: review again in 2021
    - ii. Trial: Roll off grass collection at Community gardens.
    - iii. Future (2020) Citizens Campus at landfill [Grass/Branch drop off] open to public for drop-off after landfill hours.
    - iv. Landfill scheduled for Methane testing again in 2020.
    - v. Current landfill expectation is to 2070.
- V. Mayor Awards
  - a. Total nominations were for Carrot Seed, SDSU local foods, SDSU Marshall Solar Array (late nomination was motioned and approved Bob M./Paul P. to be included) results were as follows;
    - i. Environmental Resiliency Award nominated by Bob M/Norma C.
      1. – SDSU Marshall Solar Array. – Jennifer M. to assist with article
    - ii. Social/Quality of Life. –Nominated by Paul P/Bob M.
      1. - Carrot Seed - Shelly B. to assist with article
- VI. Topic from last meeting regarding fire department coverage.
  - a. Letter from local fire chief was distributed and discussed. No additional action
- VII. City Request
  - a. Downtown recycling bin Trial
  - b. 4 bins are in use now (summer trial)
  - c. Todd Langland to follow-up with Parks dept. regarding bins for Downtown @ Sundown.
- VIII. Student application for this council has been received, but not brought to meeting.
- IX. Updates/reports with Sub-committees
  - a. Solid Waste: Subcommittee has been asked to look at a plastic bag ban. Bob McGrath will be sending out to entire Sustainability Council to review for topic at next meeting.  
Energy: No new update
  - b. Local Foods: Working on identifying city ordinance that complicate growing items in the city of Brookings.
  - c. Marketing & Communication: No new update.
- X. Motion to Adjourn (~5:20 pm) by Jennifer M/ Norma C. – approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul L. Peterson