

! 2018 SUSTAINABILITY COUNCIL OVERVIEW

The purpose of the Sustainability Council is to investigate, propose, educate, communicate, and advocate investment strategies and policies that will improve our future quality of life while still meeting the needs of the present.

Budget \$5,000

Key Projects

	Description	Status
1	Storm water discharge brochure	%
2	Initiated the Mayor's sustainability awards	%
3	Partook in public education including Brookings Bonanza and Green Drinks	%

Successes

- Distributed storm water discharge brochure
- Awarded 4 sustainability awards for first annual Mayor's Sustainability Award program:
 - Environmental Resilience Category - 3M
 - Sustainability Leadership/Innovative Best Practices Category – SDSU passive house
 - Triple Bottom Line Category - Kool Beans
 - Social/Quality of Life Category - Pheasant Restaurant & Lounge
- Collaborated with the Bicycle, Disability, and Public Arts Councils to launch the annual Brookings Bonanza. BSC contributed to the event with booths from a variety of different sustainability efforts across town (Boys & Girls Club composting effort, Brookings Wildlife Federation, Dakota Rural Action, SDSU Local Food Education Center composting effort, McCrory Gardens, SDSU Sustainability) and a raffle drawing for three compost bins (2 counter top bins and 1 yard bin). It was exciting to collaborate with the Brookings Public Arts Commission to have Chuck Bennis wrap the wrap bin in his artwork.
- Green Drinks continued this year and included the following speakers:
 - Reinaldo Tonkoski on solar energy
 - Chuck McBride on SDSU passive house
 - Angie Boersma on historic preservation's connection to sustainability
 - Farmer's Market
 - Bob Thaler on confined animal feeding operations

Challenges

- A challenge this year included having to cancel several Green Drinks due to presenters backing out. Green Drinks crowds were also small. The committee is revising the Green Drinks program for 2019 to include only 2 presentations (1 in the spring and 1 in the fall). The

committee plans to increase awareness of the event and have the two Green Drinks be on topics that are of greater interest to the community.

Looking Ahead

COMMUNICATION & EDUCATION

1. Green Drinks (includes a news article)
 - a. 2 talks (spring & fall)
2. Sustainability Award
 - a. Prepare letter and application to be sent to companies and individuals
3. Social Media posts
 - a. All sub-committees should provide this sub-committee with content and photos. The sub-committee will then pass it onto the City Manager for posting on the Brookings social media pages.
4. Partake in Brookings Bonanza

LOCAL FOODS

1. Support local foods co-op.
2. Continue work on local foods/urban ag related ordinances

ENERGY

1. Research opportunities for City Council to increase renewable energy in both commercial and residential settings.
2. Research guidelines for energy efficient building standards.
3. Support City Manager's effort to install electric car charging stations and aid in promotion when stations are installed.

WASTE

1. Single Stream Recycling
 - a. Research and add recycling to all city buildings, schools, parks, and downtown.
 - b. Conduct an educational campaign.
2. E-waste
 - a. Research an e-waste recycling program
3. Waste Reduction
 - a. Research incentives to reduce plastic bag and straw use or promote more environmentally friendly alternatives.

MISC

1. Support the recommendation to hire a City Sustainability Coordinator.
2. Support sustainability-themed state legislation as it arises.

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