

CITY OF RED LODGE

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SUSTAINABILITY BOARD

BOARD MEETING MINUTES: MONDAY, MAY 18TH, 2020

Present: Robin Adams, Brian Langeliers, Deb Muth, Wanda Thomas, Theresa Whistler, Corey Thompson, Tom Lyman (from City Council)

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Corey Thompson, two members are attending by conference video. Jenn Battles joined by conference video later in the meeting.

Minutes: The minutes for February were approved. Theresa motioned and Deb seconded.

Acting Secretary: Wanda

Review progress on board target projects

- FBS-2 energy improvements for existing city building: Wanda and Cory, future progress in the works
- FBS-3 future construction building standards: Deb and Wanda, plan for a get together to strategize
- FBS-5 solar on city hall and PD, Corey and Jenn. Meeting with Chief Wells about grant writing from NW Energy for 80% of installation for solar on city hall and police department. Payback period 2 ½ years is entirely possible if we can raise the 20% local funding.
- SWRC-5 public education on recycling: Wanda and Deb, need to get together and talk with recycling committee members regarding doing little video's about how to recycle different plastics and other items. Support Green Team.
- WW-5 Pipe and treatment plant upgrades: Deb will contact Jim Bushnell, he has a wishbook. Look at moving forward with planning for inline pressure reduction valves that generate electricity
- WW-6 Water Conservation: Brian has a possible rain barrel collection example with someone doing a remodel, could possibly use it for education and video/pictures.
- CLU-4 Landscaping and water management: Brian is looking at education resources for this
- CLU-5 Vacant/unused city lots: Corey, Theresa, Deb are looking for a current map, and if not complete, work to complete the map. Exploring the possible best use practices for these lots
- CLU-6 Tree Nursery: Theresa and Deb have found a location for this adventure to be difficult. Will continue to search for solutions to provide a place to grow some tree starts.

Recap of Earth Week: Due to Covid-19, a gathering event was not possible. Robin coordinated an excellent week of web events that are now accessed on the City of Red Lodge website for sustainability

education and fun. Thanks Robin. It looks like Red Lodge is estimated to be #8 per capita for the number of solar watts.

Rain Barrel workshop update: Robin has created a “Catch The Rain” campaign for an instructional event for conserving water with rain barrels. The barrels have been donated and need to be cleaned, Tom will help with this. Kits to make the barrels usable are nearly ready, a payment setup will be available May 25th until June 15th.

Staggered terms for board members required 2 board members to have their terms expire January 1st 2021. Theresa and Wanda volunteered to have these one year terms. Members can renew their terms as needed.

Energy Corps status update: The Energy Corps grant has not been renewed and the Energy Corps positions have been eliminated. Robin's term will expire in August. We need a plan of how to continue the projects after August, Corey and Robin will meet with the Mayor to begin discussions of how this huge problem will be addressed.

Closure: Meeting was adjourned at 5:10pm by Corey Thompson.

Next meeting June 15th 2020 at 4:00p

Minutes respectfully submitted by Wanda Thomas 5/19/2020