

## Recommendations to the Rapid City Council Legal and Finance Committee

Aaron Costello, Patti Martinson, and Karen Gundersen Olson recommend the following steps to the Rapid City Council in developing Rapid City as a more “Green/Sustainable” community:

1. Creation of a community roadmap for implementing "Green and Sustainable."
2. Suggest a timeline for Green/Sustainable Committee or Task Force.

2009 August	Formation of the Green/Sustainable Committee, including leadership .
2009 September	First Symposium focused on social component of Green and Sustainable in conjunction with the Dahl’s Green Juried show
2009 November	Planning for Second Symposium focused on economic aspects of Green/Sustainable
2010 Spring	Second Symposium focused on economic aspects of Green/Sustainable
2010 March	Committee begins drafting a Rapid City definition of Green and Sustainable and identifying draft goals and steps
2010 April, May	Identify interest and focus groups and present a Green/Sustainable draft definition and goals for their input and recommendation. Develop a scientific survey for assessing interest and support for Green/Sustainable.
2010 September	Prepare a final definition and goals.
2010 November	Begin public hearings.
3. Invite the Mayor to appoint, with Council approval, a Green/Sustainable Committee or Task Force. (Membership should reflect the widely diverse interests and needs of the community. Invite citizen participation in the process via the City’s online committee interest application. The Green Cities Team has compiled a list of interest, expertise and stakeholders.)

The Green/Sustainable Committee or Task Force would be asked to find leadership for a series of symposiums centered on one or all of the three intersecting areas of green/sustainability, environment, economy, and society.

The Dahl Arts has already stepped forward as a potential first symposium in conjunction with their September, 2009 Green Juried Art Competition.