



CITY OF RAPID CITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council
FROM: Mayor Sam Kooiker *Sam Kooiker*
DATE: May 1, 2012
SUBJECT: Appointments to Standing Committee on Sustainability

PURPOSE:

Please confirm the following appointments to the Standing Committee on Sustainability. Members shall be limited to a three-year term; however, the Mayor can reappoint members to additional terms. The terms of initial members shall be staggered in order to ensure continuity in membership. See attached Citizens Interest Applications.

This committee has been established with a task of moving forward the City of Rapid City's agenda to celebrate, educate, and formulate sustainability within our community.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Expiration</i>	<i>Voting</i>
Eirik Heikes	Citizen	8/1/2015	voting
Dr. Rebecca Leas	Citizen	8/1/2015	voting
Denise Livingston	Citizen	8/1/2015	voting
Jennifer Benning	Citizen	8/1/2014	voting
Ron Rebenitsch	Citizen	8/1/2014	voting
Amy Gribb	Citizen	8/1/2014	voting - Alternate
S. Allen Freeland	Citizen	8/1/2013	voting
Eldene Henderson	Citizen	8/1/2013	voting
Ken Steinken	Citizen	8/1/2013	voting - Alternate



The Citizen Interest Application was submitted from the City of Rapid City website. Here are the responses given.

Name: Eirik Heikes

Street address: 625 St. Joseph Street

City, State, Zip: Rapid City SD

City resident: Yes

Ward (see link at the top of this page if you are not sure what ward you are in): 2

Daytime Phone: 342-9470

Evening Phone: 406-698-7192

Email Address: eheikes@4front.biz

Please list the specific committee(s) for which you are applying: Sustainability

Work and/or business experience related to the committee(s): LEED AP, Chairman of Ad Hoc Green Cities

Education, license, certification, & experience: Registered Landscape Architect 15 years experience

Community involvement, activities, service organizations: Soccer Coach, American Society of Landscape Architects, SD Chapter of US Green Building Council

Additional information/qualifications relevant for the committee or committees to which you are applying: Love my home in Rapid City

The Citizen Interest Application was submitted from the City of Rapid City website. Here are the responses given.

Name: Dr. Rebecca R. Leas

Street address: 6509 Seminole Lane

City, State, Zip: Rapid City, SD 57702

City resident: Yes

Ward (see link at the top of this page if you are not sure what ward you are in):
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Daytime Phone: 605-791-2951

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Email Address: rrleas@yahoo.com

Please list the specific committee(s) for which you are applying: Sustainability

Work and/or business experience related to the committee(s): Professor Emeritus,
Health Education and Wellness

36 years as a health education specialist teaching working to promote healthy people and healthy communities - 6 years teaching at the High School level and 30 years at the university level: Clarion University of Pennsylvania

Education, license, certification, & experience: Ph.D, M.Ed, B.S. Health Education Nationally certified health Education Specialist
36 years full time work experience

Community involvement, activities, service organizations: Democracy in Action (DIA), Clean Water Alliance, Izaak Walton League, South Dakota Peace and Justice, Dakota Rural Action

Additional information/qualifications relevant for the committee or committees to which you are applying: My qualifications/expertise reside in the Personal, Public, and Community Health domains

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Name: Denise Livingston

Street address: 3202 Grandview Drive

City, State, Zip: Rapid City, SD 57701

City resident: Yes

Ward (see link at the top of this page if you are not sure what ward you are in):
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Daytime Phone: (605) 791-2299

Evening Phone: (605) 415-3928

Email Address: drlivings@live.com

Please list the specific committee(s) for which you are applying: Committee on Sustainability

Work and/or business experience related to the committee(s): Technical Assistance Provider for small communities, Community Development Planner, Water Conservation Tech., Environmental Director

Education, license, certification, & experience: Degree in Environmental Physical Science (BHSU),

Community involvement, activities, service organizations: Co-president American Association of University Women, SD Planners Association

Additional information/qualifications relevant for the committee or committees to which you are applying:

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Name: Jennifer Benning

Street address: 2815 Melody Lane

City, State, Zip: Rapid City, SD 57703

City resident: Yes

Ward (see link at the top of this page if you are not sure what ward you are in): 4

Daytime Phone: 605-394-2425

Evening Phone: 907-978-2259

Email Address: Jennifer.Benning@sdsmt.edu

Please list the specific committee(s) for which you are applying: Standing Committee on Sustainability

Work and/or business experience related to the committee(s): Assistant Professor at South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, expertise in research and teaching in environmental engineering and sustainable engineering; co-Chair of the SDSM&T Sustainability Committee, responsible for the SDSM&T reporting for the American University President's Climate Commitment; developed and delivered two college-level courses in sustainable engineering; contributed to national curriculum development in sustainability through the Center for Sustainable Engineering; authored several peer-reviewed journal publications in sustainability topics, including indoor air quality and life cycle assessment; development and proposed director for a proposed minor degree in Sustainable Engineering for SDSM&T

Education, license, certification, & experience: Postdoctoral in Indoor Air Quality at Virginia Tech, PhD in Environmental Engineering from University of Alaska Fairbanks, MS in Environmental Engineering at Virginia Tech, BS in Civil and Environmental Engineering at Rutgers University

Community involvement, activities, service organizations: co-PI on an EPA Environmental Education grant for capacity building and water resources protection at Pine Ridge Indian Reservation; member of: the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education; SD USGBC; the International Society for Indoor Air Quality; Association of Environmental Engineering and Science Professors; Black Hills Runners Club

Additional information/qualifications relevant for the committee or committees to which you are applying:

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Name: Ron Rebenitsch

Street address: 3123 Iris Dr.

City, State, Zip: Rapid City

City resident: Yes

Ward (see link at the top of this page if you are not sure what ward you are in):
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Daytime Phone: 605.716.2981

Evening Phone: 605.716.2981

Email Address: ronreb10@gmail.com

Please list the specific committee(s) for which you are applying: Mayor's Task Force on Sustainability

Work and/or business experience related to the committee(s): Engineer, Executive Director of the SD Wind Energy Association, Consultant on Energy Projects

Education, license, certification, & experience: MBA, BS Civil Engineering, Registered professional engineer in three states

Community involvement, activities, service organizations: Fairly new to area. Formerly involved in Lions, Scouting

Additional information/qualifications relevant for the committee or committees to which you are applying: My area of expertise is in renewable energy and distributed generation

The Citizen Interest Application was submitted from the City of Rapid City website. Here are the responses given.

Name: Amy Gribb

Street address: 2741 Belgarde Blvd. #205

City, State, Zip: Rapid City, SD 57702

City resident: Yes

Ward (see link at the top of this page if you are not sure what ward you are in):
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Daytime Phone: 605-858-2328

Evening Phone: 605-858-2328

Email Address: amygribb@yahoo.com

Please list the specific committee(s) for which you are applying: Committee on Sustainability

Work and/or business experience related to the committee(s): As a marketing and sales professional, I know how to sell an audience on an idea or taking an action step. My expertise would be a great asset to the committee as it works to "sell" the value of sustainability recommendations to citizens and businesses, and thereby incentivize them to invest time, effort, and money in implementing the initiatives and ultimately to achieve sustainability goals for the Rapid City Region.

Education, license, certification, & experience: B.S. Chemistry, University of Idaho; M.S. Materials Science and M.B.A, University of Wisconsin -Madison. Ten years of professional experience in marketing and sales in high tech, civil and environmental engineering, and higher education industries.

Community involvement, activities, service organizations: I have wanted to engage in community service for many years, but I have not done so yet in any formal capacity primarily due to lack of time. I have recently transitioned from full-time to part-time employment, and now having the time and energy, I am actively seeking an opportunity to give back in some capacity. The excellent fit between my personal belief in the importance of implementing sustainable practices as

individuals and communities, and the expertise I have in marketing and sales that can be a great asset in the committee's work to turn "recommendations" into "realities," has prompted me to apply for this position on the Rapid City committee on sustainability.

Additional information/qualifications relevant for the committee or committees to which you are applying: I can bring to the committee on sustainability: time and energy, marketing expertise, understanding of the time and resource constraints that hinder sustainability efforts of businesses and individuals, and a personal commitment to sustainability practices for the benefit of individuals and communities now and into the future.

I recently interviewed for the Recycling Education Coordinator position with the Rapid City Solid Waste Division. During that process I became briefly acquainted with Karl Merbach, who is acknowledged in the Final Report of the Mayor's Ad Hoc Task Force on Green Cities as having assisted the Task Force in drafting their sustainability recommendations, and other staff members of the Solid Waste Division.

The Citizen Interest Application was submitted from the City of Rapid City website. Here are the responses given.

Name: S.Allen Freeland

Street address: 2021 Juniper Street

City, State, Zip: Rapid City, SD 57702

City resident: Yes

Ward (see link at the top of this page if you are not sure what ward you are in):
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Daytime Phone: 605-737-3800

Evening Phone: 605-209-7828

Email Address: allenf@skylineltd.com

Please list the specific committee(s) for which you are applying: City Sustainability Committee

Work and/or business experience related to the committee(s): As the Chairman of the Board for the U.S. Green Building Council SD Chapter, I have access to the most current information on sustainable building requirements and changes from the national level to the local level. I was the Engineer of Record for a near net-zero energy building and have been incorporating energy conscious mechanical designs into my projects for over nine years.

Education, license, certification, & experience: Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, SDSM&T, 1997 LEED Accredited Professional Registered PE in the following states: South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana, Wyoming & Nebraska

Community involvement, activities, service organizations: I am currently the Chairman of the Board for the U.S. Green Building Council SD Chapter; member of the organization for three years.

I am also the President of the Black Hills ASHRAE Chapter; member of the organization for eleven years.

I am very active in our community through my organizations; this month I volunteered to be a judge at the High Plains Science Fair and I participate in similar activities regularly. I have supported several community organizations

such as Storybook Island, the Cornerstone Rescue Mission, the Salvation Army, the Children's Miracle Network, and the Regional Care Cancer Institute.

Additional information/qualifications relevant for the committee or committees to which you are applying: I am very committed to improving our community and its buildings through sustainable design. I feel that my background and associations in the sustainable design industry would be a valuable asset to this committee and I look forward to working with other like-minded individuals to improve the built environment of Rapid City and all of South Dakota.

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Name: Eldene Henderson

Street address: 4525 Haines Ave

City, State, Zip: Rapid City, SD 57701

City resident: Yes

Ward (see link at the top of this page if you are not sure what ward you are in):
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Email Address: elhend@aol.com

Please list the specific committee(s) for which you are applying: Standing Committee on Sustainability

Work and/or business experience related to the committee(s): 25 plus years with Rapid City Schools, Sustainable land development planning, curriculum development and research

Education, license, certification, & experience: BEd, Composite majors in science/social studies, MEd in Counseling, exp in property management, curriculum development, research, ranch management

Community involvement, activities, service organizations: Active on various committees including Green Cities Task Force (land use subcommittee), event planning, Lifeways board-drug/alcohol prevention in schools

Additional information/qualifications relevant for the committee or committees to which you are applying: Compiled much of the research for the Green Cities Task Force that is now on the City Library portal

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Name: Ken Steinken

Street address: 305 St. Francis St.

City, State, Zip: Rapid City, SD 57701

City resident: Yes

Ward (see link at the top of this page if you are not sure what ward you are in):
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Daytime Phone: 348-4895

Evening Phone: 348-4895

Email Address: kensteinken@juno.com

Please list the specific committee(s) for which you are applying: Sustainability

Work and/or business experience related to the committee(s): Park Project Coordinator. Trinity Eco Prayer Park. Rapid City, S.D. 2008-present. Direct design, public relations, fundraising, and construction. The park has been designated a Sustainable Green Cities Pilot Project by the City Council.

Park Ranger. National Park Service. Jewel Cave National Monument, Custer, S.D. (June - August). 2005-present. Served as Lead Ranger (2006-2007) to manage 10 park guides, problem solve issues with the public, and troubleshoot operational difficulties. Conduct standard visitor tours, as well as spelunking tours. Also worked on interpretive trail project.

Education, license, certification, & experience: MFA - University of Wyoming, 2007. Creative Writing (Nonfiction). Emphasis on land, environment, and nature-related topics. Relevant coursework - Issues in Environmental Ethics, Public Lands Law, Investigative Reporting, Nature Writing, Literature of American Indians and the Environment.

Seminar - Knight Center for Specialized Journalism, University of Maryland, 2004. "Grids, Gridlock and the Politics of Power."

MA - University of South Dakota, 1994. English.

Teacher Certification - Black Hills State University, 1988. Spanish.

BA - Wheaton College (IL), 1975. Religious Studies.

Community involvement, activities, service organizations: Pahasapa Grotto (cave preservation and exploration) (2009-present)

Great Plains Native Plant Society (2011-present)

South Dakota Humanities Scholar (2004-present)

Additional information/qualifications relevant for the committee or committees to which you are applying: