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Executive Summary of Presentation

1. Committee Accomplishments since last annual report.
2. Goals for 2015-2016



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Introduction

The City of Rapid City initially formed the Standing Committee on Sustainability in Fall of 2011 in response to the work done by Green Sustainable Cities Task Force and by approval of Mayor and Council.

Now 4 years old, the committee has been busy in the community.

This presentation highlights the work accomplished up to today's date and forecasts the goals of committee for the upcoming year.



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Current Citizen Committee Members

Eirik Heikes, Chairperson

Jennifer Benning, Vice Chairperson

Kevin Crosby, Secretary

S. Allen Freeland

Eldene Henderson

David Johnson

Nisa Kerr

Don Martinez

Kelly Moore

Liaisons: Jerry Wright, Beth-Anne Ferley

Strategic Partners: many at City & community



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Mission Statement (completed 2012)

The purpose of the Rapid City Standing Committee on Sustainability is to encourage education, stewardship and policy leadership that will make our community a leader in economic, social and environmental sustainability.



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Bylaws (completed 2012)

sustainability@rcgov.org

<http://www.rcgov.org/Community-Resources/sustainability-committee.html>

The screenshot shows the City of Rapid City website. At the top, there is a search bar and a 'Community Resources' section with contact information: (605) 394-4136 and Fax: (605) 394-6621. Below this is a navigation menu with items like Services, Departments, Public Meetings, etc. The main content area is titled 'City of Rapid City' and 'Standing Committee on Sustainability Members'. It lists members: Erik Heikes, Denise Livingston, Eldene Henderson, Jennifer Benning, Ron Robenitsch, S. Allen Freeland, Ken Steinken (alternate), and Amy Gribb (alternate). There are links for 'Rapid City Sustainability Awards Application', 'Local Foods-Black Hills Farmers Market', 'Our letter of support for the Rapid City Area Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan', and 'We support the 2010 Solid Waste Management Plan'. A section for 'Sustainability Committee Minutes and Agendas' states that meeting dates are listed below and clicking on a date will open a PDF file. At the bottom, there is a table for '2013 Archived Sustainability Committee'.

Name	Date	Agenda	Minutes
Sustainability Committee	Jul 22, 2013	Agenda	Minutes
Sustainability Committee	Jul 8, 2013	Agenda	Minutes
Sustainability Committee	Jun 24, 2013	Agenda	Minutes



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Annual Agenda Goals from 2013 items:

- Identify and Develop relationships with 3 city departments and 3 relevant community organizations with sustainable impact, as identified by this committee. Advocate, educate, and listen.
- Recognize at least 10 Sustainability Award recipients (10); one declined.
- Endorse or facilitate ordinances for sustainable practices.
- Promote sustainability education within the community (link to resources, PR, keeping sustainability in front of the public, etc.) Press releases, Library Portal, Tour, etc.



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Accomplished agenda items

Goal 1: Identify and Develop relationships with 3 city departments and 3 relevant community organizations with sustainable impact.

Actions: Sustainability Committee has contributed to the Comprehensive plan in cooperation with MPO and Planning, recognized the efforts of Parks and Recreation, collaborates with Public Works, and consults with office of Mayor. Liaisons from Solid Waste and Recycling Education participate in meetings. Community organizations such as Black Hills Power and Dakota Rural Action have members on committee. BHSU Sustainability Program. Liaison with Urban Wildlife Committee.



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Accomplished agenda items

Goal 2: Recognize at least (10) Sustainability Awards for community organizations and efforts (part of Celebrate strategy)

Actions: 10 projects awarded by Mayor and City Council over a 3- year period to members of community. Plaque given and media recognition given.



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Accomplished agenda items

Awards:

1. Cobbler Café @ Central High School
2. Light the Night Path Lighting
3. Fenske Printing Solar Array
4. GCC Dakota Atlas Storm Clean Up
5. General Beadle Community Pizza Garden
6. Rapid City Parks Central Irrigation Control
7. Robbinsdale Entertainment 3rd Space
8. WHV Going Green Committee
9. Trinity Eco-Prayer Park (upcoming August 2015)
10. Outdoor Campus West (upcoming)



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Sustainability Awards Program





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Accomplished Agenda Items

Goal 3: Endorse or facilitate ordinances for sustainable practices such as Bike Path, Alternative Energy , Hen Ordinance, etc.

Actions: Sustainability Committee is oftentimes utilized as a first place of action seeking endorsement prior to moving forward onto City Attorney or Council. Keep in mind the Committee does represent the Ordinances or become petitioner.



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Accomplished Agenda Items

Goal 3: Endorse or facilitate ordinances for sustainable practices such as Bike Path, Alternative Energy , Hen Ordinance, etc.

Actions: endorsed NSF Sustainable Development for Teachers Proposal, Hen Ordinance, Resolution to City of Rapid City for Supported a Renewable Energy Resolution (which will be presented to Public Works), Barb King Environmental Stewardship Award for Parks Department Central Control, Distributed Generation Legislation (2014) HB1254 for fair buy back of energy.



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Accomplished Agenda Items

Goal 4: Promote sustainability education within the community (link to resources, PR, keeping sustainability in front of the public, etc.) Press releases, Library Portal, Tour, etc.

Actions: Efforts with Comprehensive Plan Contributions and Recommendations, Awards Press Releases. (More to Do Here; plans include Sustainability Conference and other efforts.) Award recognition for Cobbler café was an good education opportunity for Central High School as well as community garden at Central Beatle School. Supported teacher education through School of Mines summer grant application.

Special Event: Arbor Day Celebration

With the help of many partners, the Rapid City Sustainability Committee planned and hosted an Arbor Day Celebration and tree planting ceremony at the new Willow Park on Saturday, May 2. Speeches were given, free saplings distributed, and refreshments consumed.





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Goals for upcoming year(s)

The Standing Committee on sustainability met on June 8, 2015 to formulate a strategy for upcoming 2015/2016 Goals to carry forth. Following are some of our recommendations.



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Goals for upcoming year(s)

1. Continue with previous programs such as Awards Programs and support for ordinances relating to sustainability. Continue with ongoing community /city relationships; foster new programs and events .



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Goals for upcoming year(s)

2. Plan and Execute a Sustainability Conference through a Public-Private Partnership between City of Rapid City and other Contributors. Showcase our communities in the region and attract attendees to *Celebrate, Educate, and Formulate* our Sustainability further.



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Goals for upcoming year(s)

3. Certify Rapid City as STAR (Sustainability Tools for Assessing and Rating communities) certified; the first of its kind in South Dakota.





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STAR Rating System

Built Environment	Climate & Energy	Economy & Jobs	Education, Arts & Community	Equity & Empowerment	Health & Safety	Natural Systems
Ambient Noise & Light	Climate Adaptation	Business Retention & Development	Arts & Culture	Civic Engagement	Active Living	Green Infrastructure
Community Water Systems	Greenhouse Gas Mitigation	Green Market Development	Community Cohesion	Civil & Human Rights	Community Health & Health System	Invasive Species
Compact & Complete Communities	Greening the Energy Supply	Local Economy	Educational Opportunity & Attainment	Environmental Justice	Emergency Prevention & Response	Natural Resource Protection
Housing Affordability	Industrial Sector Resource Efficiency	Quality Jobs & Living Wages	Historic Preservation	Equitable Services & Access	Food Access & Nutrition	Outdoor Air Quality
Infill & Redevelopment	Resource Efficient Buildings	Targeted Industry Development	Social & Cultural Diversity	Human Services	Indoor Air Quality	Water in the Environment
Public Spaces	Resource Efficient Public Infrastructure	Workforce Readiness		Poverty Prevention & Alleviation	Natural & Human Hazards	Working Lands
Transportation Choices	Waste Minimization				Safe Communities	



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Goals for upcoming year(s)

4. Advocate for a Full Time City of Rapid City Sustainability Coordinator/ Department Manager. One of their initial tasks will be to coordinate the STAR Certification and align community wide goals with City Staff and Management. This is also a Comprehensive Plan goal

12. Implementation

Action	Description	Action Type	Partners	Funding
LONGER-TERM ACTIONS				
2 TO 5 YEARS, FOLLOWING PLAN ADOPTION				
GOV-A8: Sustainability Coordinator	Consider establishing a Sustainability Coordinator position, with dedicated leadership, to monitor, support, and implement the City's sustainability efforts programs	Program	Lead: Mayor's Office and Sustainability Committee Involve: City Council, Planning Commission, Community Planning and Development Services, Public Works	Funding Needed (new program)
GOV-A9: Sustainable Community Rating System	Consider adopting the STAR Community Rating System to measure progress in strengthening environmental, economic, and social systems. Utilizing such a program could lead to Rapid City becoming nationally recognized as a STAR city.	Program	Lead: Mayor's Office and Sustainability Committee Involve: City Council, Planning Commission, Community Planning and Development Services, Public Works	Funding Needed (new program)



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5. Follow up with goals identified in Comprehensive Plan:

-GOV-A6: Establish a network of City department liaisons to coordinate with the Sustainability Committee on an ongoing basis for inward and outward City Sustainability issues.

-GOV-A7: Build and promote an education program about the benefits of sustainability and a clearinghouse of information about sustainable practices and programs. Pursue opportunities to organize and host a sustainability conference or educational sessions. Potential topics include gardening, composting, landscaping, and energy efficiency improvements.



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6. Fulfil annual requirements for Tree City USA. This includes, among other tasks, hosting an annual tree planting celebration. This role was previously filled by the Urban Forestry Board.



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7. Continue support for local actions such as...

- Bees
- Night Skies
- Farmers Market
- Food Co-op
- Trees



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Thank you and Closing

We are your resource!

The Standing Committee on Sustainability is a vibrant group of Citizens and Community Members dedicated to aligning our City with Future Resilience and recognizing the difference we are all making.

Meetings are 2nd and 4th Monday of every Month in the Community Room; Public and members of City Government always welcome.

We are happy to answer any questions.