



# CITY OF RAPID CITY

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Public Works Committee  
**FROM:** Mayor Sam Kooiker  
**DATE:** August 13, 2013 *Sam Kooiker*  
**SUBJECT:** **Appointments to Standing Committee on Sustainability**

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### PURPOSE:

Please confirm the appointment of Jay Pond, to fill the unexpired term of Ron Rebenitsch who has submitted his resignation, and the reappointments of S. Allen Freeland, Eldene Henderson and Ken Steinken to serve a term of three years. See attached Citizens Interest Applications.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Expiration</i>	<i>Voting</i>
<i>Jay Pond</i>	<i>Citizen</i>	<i>8/1/2014</i>	<i>voting</i>
<i>S. Allen Freeland</i>	<i>Citizen</i>	<i>8/1/2016</i>	<i>voting</i>
<i>Eldene Henderson</i>	<i>Citizen</i>	<i>8/1/2016</i>	<i>voting</i>
<i>Ken Steinken</i>	<i>Citizen</i>	<i>8/1/2016</i>	<i>voting - Alternate</i>

### CURRENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Following is the current committee membership. Reappointments and resignation terms are italicized.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Expiration</i>	<i>Voting</i>
<i>S. Allen Freeland</i>	<i>Citizen</i>	<i>8/1/2013</i>	<i>voting</i>
<i>Eldene Henderson</i>	<i>Citizen</i>	<i>8/1/2013</i>	<i>voting</i>
<i>Ken Steinken</i>	<i>Citizen</i>	<i>8/1/2013</i>	<i>voting - Alternate</i>
Jennifer Benning	Citizen	8/1/2014	voting
Ron Rebenitsch	Citizen	8/1/2014	voting
Barbara A. Preszler	Citizen	8/1/2014	voting - Alternate
Eirik Heikes	Citizen	8/1/2015	voting
Denise Livingston	Citizen	8/1/2015	voting
Shon Anderson	Citizen	8/1/2015	Voting



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

Name: Jay Pond

Street address: 3857 Byrum Court

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: 605-939-9657

Evening Phone: 605-939-9657

Email Address: [jpond.keepseagle@gmail.com](mailto:jpond.keepseagle@gmail.com)

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

Work and/or business experience related to the committee(s): Farm/Ranch Economic Assessment Work Experience; Small Business Owner

Education, license, certification, & experience: MBA, BA Politics

Community involvement, activities, service organizations: 2-time candidate for SD House District 35; Muni Band;

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

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](mailto: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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Daytime Phone: 605-342-5506

Evening Phone: 605-381-5656

Email Address: [elhend@aol.com](mailto: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): Property development planning incorporating sustainability, 25+ years as teacher/counselor in Rapid City Schools, Research with RAND Corp of Santa Monica, CA, Land Use Subcommittee of 2011 Mayoral Green Cities Task Force, development of research materials for Green City portal at Public Library, Committee for coordinating education strategies with Green City Task Force, Rapid City Recycling Booklet Revision

Education, license, certification, & experience: BEd (Physical Science and Social Science Composites, MEd in Counseling,

Community involvement, activities, service organizations: Active in church activities, Dakota Choral Union Lifeways Board for drug/alcohol prevention for youth

Additional information/qualifications relevant for the committee or committees to which you are applying: Have researched following topics related to sustainability: land use sustainability, pollution prevention/recycling, efficient transportation, energy conservation, environmental, recreation and human health, agricultural sustainability, food resource development, action planning and educating the community

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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](mailto: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: