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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF PRESENTATION

1. Committee Accomplishments since formation (2012)
2. Presentation of Sustainability Awards to first recipients.
3. Overview of goals set by Committee for 2013/2014



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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.

In Spring of 2012 a group of 9 members were selected in response to Citizen Interest Applications and has worked diligently since that time.

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

Eldene Henderson
Shon Anderson
Alan Freeland
Denise Livingston
Jennifer Benning, Vice Chairperson
Ken Steinken
Barbara Preszler, Secretary
Eirik Heikes, Chairperson
(1) Current vacant position



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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)

The City of Rapid City Sustainability Committee shall consist of 7 voting members and two alternates recommended for appointment by the Mayor and approved for appointment by the City Council. One half of the duly appointed members of the committee at any given time being present shall constitute a quorum. In the absence of a voting member an alternate will be appointed to vote. In absence of a quorum, the committee may conduct a meeting, engage in discussion, and keep minutes; however, no action requiring a committee vote may be taken without a quorum present.

The Sustainability Committee shall have one regularly-scheduled monthly meeting. Additional meetings may be called by the Chairperson as deemed necessary.

Sustainability Committee meetings are open to the public and will include a period for public comment. Minutes will be kept, sent to members, and amended and/or approved at the following meeting. Agendas for each meeting will be sent to members and posted on website at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

Members shall be limited to a three-year term; however, the Mayor can re-appoint members to additional terms. The terms of the initial members shall be staggered in order to ensure continuity in membership.

A chairperson, vice-chairperson and secretary/treasurer will be elected by the Committee at the June meeting every year. The officers shall be elected from the membership of the Sustainability Committee. The secretary and treasurer may be two separate offices or a combined at the discretion of the board. The officers shall serve a one-year term (June through May of the year following his/her election). The vice-chairperson shall conduct the meeting in the absence of the chairperson.

In addition to the full committee, advisory subcommittees may be called for major additional projects/research. A member of the full committee shall chair the advisory subcommittee. Members of the advisory subcommittee can include other full committee members or outside volunteers. Advisory subcommittees will be created and dissolved as projects, issues and policies dictate. If an advisory subcommittee has not met for one year, then such committee shall be deemed dissolved. The Sustainability Committee shall maintain a list of all committee members and any active subcommittees and the members thereof. City staff assistance may be available to the Rapid City Sustainability Committee and its advisory subcommittees. The Committee is directly under the Mayor's office. However, support from other City departments such as the Community Development Department, Public Works Department, Parks Division, Building Inspections Division, and City Planning Department will be available. Staff shall serve as ex-officio non-voting members.

The Mayor may recommend for appointment a City Council member to serve as a liaison to the Committee. The City Council shall confirm any such appointment made by the Mayor. City Council liaisons shall not have voting authority.

The Chairperson shall have the discretion to recommend to the Mayor that a member be replaced after he/she has missed three consecutive regular monthly meetings or if absences become excessive and to the detriment of the committee.

The Chairperson shall have the discretion to recommend to the Mayor that a member be removed should the member's behavior be deemed inappropriate or disruptive to the committee.

The Sustainability Committee shall maintain a list of priority projects and issues which shall serve as the official work program from which the Committee will operate. The projects and issues lists shall be updated by the Committee at a minimum, annually.

The Sustainability Committee shall prepare an annual report for presentation to the City Council. The annual report shall provide an update of the current status, accomplishments, and future direction of the Committee.

In conducting their meetings, and unless otherwise noted in the Committee Bylaws, the Sustainability Committee shall follow *Robert's Rules of Order*.

These bylaws can be amended at any monthly meeting of the Committee by a two-thirds vote of those present, provided that a quorum is present and provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous monthly meeting.



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ACCOMPLISHED AGENDA ITEMS

Goal 1: Creation of Standing Sustainability Committee much like Historic Preservation tasked with implementation of projects and policies that increase sustainability.

Action: Committee Formed, Members Nominated, Officers Elected, Mission Statement Adopted, Bylaws Written, City of Rapid City Web Site Developed, Minutes Posted.

sustainability@rcgov.org

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



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ACCOMPLISHED AGENDA ITEMS

Goal 1:

City of Rapid City
300 Sixth Street, Rapid City, South Dakota 57701
Phone: (605) 394-4110

Standing Committee on Sustainability Members

Eirik Heikes	Denise Livingston	Eldene Henderson
Jennifer Benning	Ron Robentsch	S. Allen Freeland
Ken Steinken (alternate)	Amy Gribb (alternate)	

Sustainability Committee Minutes and Agendas
Meeting dates are listed below. Clicking on a linked date will open the appropriate PDF file.

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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ACCOMPLISHED AGENDA ITEMS

Goal 2: Create a City Wide Recycling Advocate Post

Action: **Beth Anne Ferley** is now a dynamic part of the community and a City Employee.





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Goal 3: Implement Recommendations from 2010 Solid Waste Management Plan

Action: Formally adopted and many recommendations are now policy and part of our day to day lives. Citizen Campus is one such.





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Goal 4: Develop “Green and Sustainable” recognition awards much like Beautification Committee. Sustainability Committee will be advocate and be charged with administering the awards.

Action: Awards Criteria, Application, and Process complete. (2) initial award recipients to date.

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



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Rapid City Sustainability Awards Application

By taking action today, we can build a better, brighter, healthier community for our future.

The Rapid City Standing Committee on Sustainability is initiating an awards program designed to recognize the outstanding efforts of individuals, organizations and businesses that are helping to make our community a more sustainable and livable place.

We invite the input of citizens in this effort by recognizing projects of any type or size that nurture and/or encourage social, environmental and economic sustainability for Rapid City. Our award nominations will come from the people living in the Rapid City area. Please nominate individuals of any age, any businesses, organizations and/or groups that you think deserve an award for their promotion of sustainability in Rapid City.

Recipients of the award will be chosen by the Sustainability Committee and will be presented with an award and receive public recognition. Interested applicants should complete the following award criteria checklist and the application form. Include contact information and a detailed description of the project. Applications may be submitted online or printed and mailed to the City of Rapid City Standing Committee on Sustainability.

Mission Statement

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Instructions for Sustainability Awards Application:

The following pages contain the two parts to the application. The first part is contact information for the applicant, award nominee, and detailed project information. Please fill out all this information on page 2.

The second part of the application is the criteria checklist on page 3. This is where you will choose any environmental, economic or social aspects that the nominated project achieves. Please check any and all aspects that apply in each category.

Once you complete the application you can submit it online or you can print it out and mail it to the City of Rapid City Standing Committee on Sustainability at 300 Sixth Street, Rapid City, SD 57701. If you have any questions please contact us at sustainability@rcgov.org or (605) 394-9300.



Please fill out all the information on this page, including a detailed description of the project you are nominating.

Today's Date: _____

Your Information
Please fill in your contact information.
Name: _____ Telephone: _____
Address: _____ Email: _____

Award Candidate
Please fill in the award nominee's contact information.
Nominee Name: _____ Nominee Telephone: _____
Nominee Address: _____ Nominee Email: _____

Project Information
Please fill in the project name and location and describe the project you are nominating. Explain in detail why and how you feel the nominated candidate meets the criteria for a sustainability award.
Project Name: _____ Project Location: _____

Project Description:



Please check all the boxes that apply to the project you are nominating.

	ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS	ECONOMIC ASPECTS	SOCIAL ASPECTS
LAND USE	<input type="checkbox"/> Responsible use of land <input type="checkbox"/> Maximize use of existing land for new use <input type="checkbox"/> Provide access to green space <input type="checkbox"/> Encourage mixed use <input type="checkbox"/> Conserve natural resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Beneficial to the community <input type="checkbox"/> Creates local jobs, both short or long term <input type="checkbox"/> Improves opportunities for new businesses	<input type="checkbox"/> Promotes local quality of life <input type="checkbox"/> Improves individual feeling of community involvement <input type="checkbox"/> Addresses the needs throughout the entire city <input type="checkbox"/> Provides a balance of amenities throughout the city
GREEN BUILDING	<input type="checkbox"/> Improves indoor air quality <input type="checkbox"/> Utilizes natural lighting and ventilation <input type="checkbox"/> Utilizes recycled materials <input type="checkbox"/> Reduces landfill use <input type="checkbox"/> Utilizes renewable energy	<input type="checkbox"/> Lowest energy use by maximizing efficiency <input type="checkbox"/> Use of local resources <input type="checkbox"/> Promotes affordable housing	<input type="checkbox"/> Fosters community identity <input type="checkbox"/> Creates local jobs, both short or long term <input type="checkbox"/> Respects & uses local people, energy & raw materials <input type="checkbox"/> Promotes building community sustainable values
TRANSPORTATION	<input type="checkbox"/> Lowers overall emissions <input type="checkbox"/> Reduces use of non-renewable energies	<input type="checkbox"/> Links area businesses, products and services to local customers <input type="checkbox"/> Fosters alternatives to single car use such as carpooling, mass transit, biking or walking	<input type="checkbox"/> Promotes community involvement <input type="checkbox"/> Fosters alternatives to single car use such as carpooling or bike paths <input type="checkbox"/> Provides for the handicapped <input type="checkbox"/> Improves accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Improves public safety
WASTE REDUCTION	<input type="checkbox"/> Reduces landfill use <input type="checkbox"/> Reduces water pollution <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce, Reuse, Recycle	<input type="checkbox"/> Recycles money back into the community <input type="checkbox"/> Creates local jobs, both short or long term	<input type="checkbox"/> Promotes building community sustainable values <input type="checkbox"/> Fosters community identity
WATER USE	<input type="checkbox"/> Reduces water use <input type="checkbox"/> Recycles waste water and grey water <input type="checkbox"/> Minimizes storm water runoff and prevents water quality degradation	<input type="checkbox"/> Saves money <input type="checkbox"/> Promotes alternatives to wasting water <input type="checkbox"/> Reduces demand on water treatment infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/> Promotes building community sustainable values <input type="checkbox"/> Fosters community identity <input type="checkbox"/> Promotes the safe use of water resources for recreation like fishing or swimming
EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> Promotes personal/community responsibility of local resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Beneficial to the community	<input type="checkbox"/> Inspires and promotes future generation sustainable stewardship <input type="checkbox"/> Fosters community identity <input type="checkbox"/> Promotes civic engagement
NATURAL RESOURCES	<input type="checkbox"/> Protects/clears the air <input type="checkbox"/> Improves/protects scenic beauty	<input type="checkbox"/> Regenerates money into the community <input type="checkbox"/> Protects renewable natural resources <input type="checkbox"/> Saves or creates jobs	<input type="checkbox"/> Inspires and promotes future generations sustainable stewardship <input type="checkbox"/> Fosters community identity
OTHER			



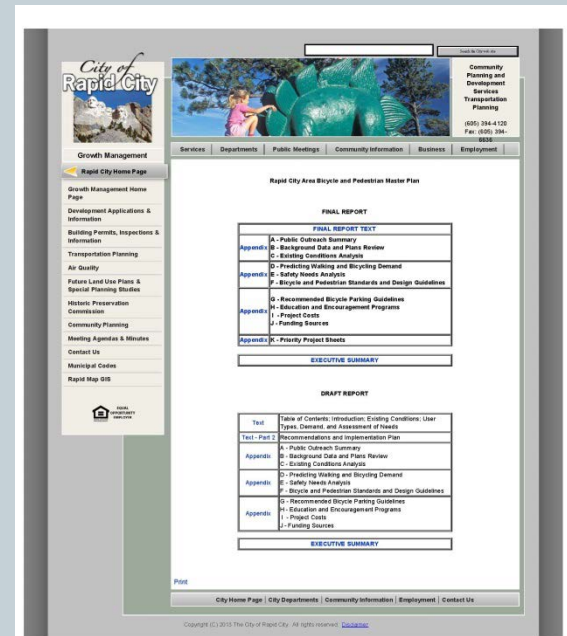
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ACCOMPLISHED AGENDA ITEMS

Goal 5: Complete Bicycle Master Plan and Implementation

Action: Public Works and City Council adopted the Bicycle Master Plan in February/ March of 2013. Committee reviewed plan and submitted letter of support.





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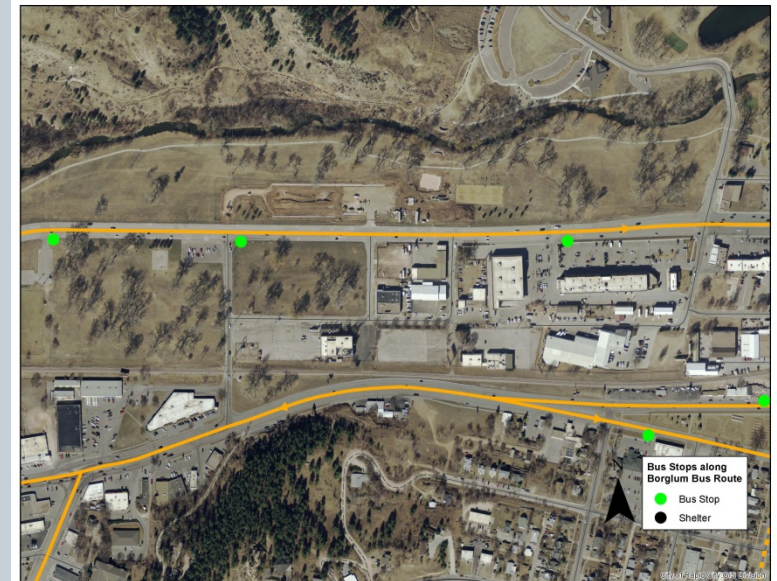
Goal 6: Consider Use of Smart Technology as Part for irrigation controls and coverages as well as distribution uniformity requirements over 60% for public facilities. Implement Central Irrigation Control for all publically irrigated facilities (RC Schools, Parks, Etc.)

Action: Rapid City Parks Department moving forward with Central Control. Memorial Park is among first projects to be implemented; also utilizing non potable water source.

ACCOMPLISHED AGENDA ITEMS

Goal 7: Feature Local Food in Promotions and provide Transit Access to Farmers Markets and Places where local food is sold.

Action: Ongoing. Transit Access was excellent at Main Street Square Farmers Market. Exists at Founders Park but needs Westbound Stop or Pedestrian Crossing of Omaha.





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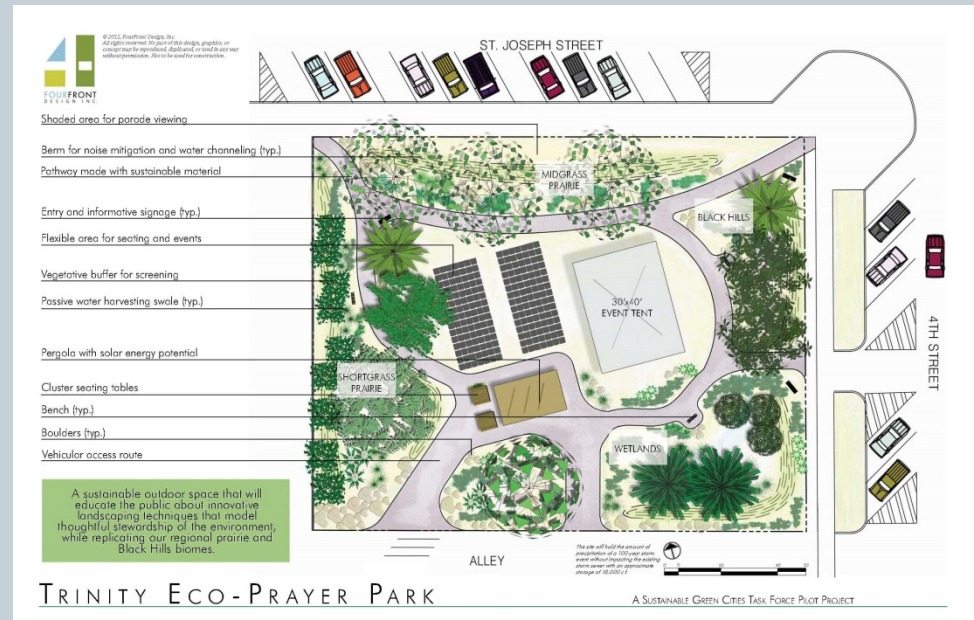
Goal 8: Support the Following:

- A. **Smart Growth Communities:** One such being proposed north of I-90.
- B. **Trinity Lutheran Park:** Groundbreaking Scheduled in September.
- C. **Implement Beautification Committee Recommendations for West Memorial Park.**

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Goal 8: Actions:

Trinity Eco Prayer Park moving into construction of a Passive Park that features Stormwater-wise landscape features and educational elements focused on Sustainability.





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GREEN AND SUSTAINABLE AWARDS

Thirsty's Restaurant on 819 Main Street in Rapid City has dedicated its operations to recycle all cardboard, glass, plastic, and metals; diverting 2 out of 3 entire dumpsters from the landfill waste stream and saving 60% on waste removal. They also have an extra parking space as a result.





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GREEN AND SUSTAINABLE AWARDS

Light the Night is a project completed by team of people working together to create safer and more pleasing areas along the greenbelt/bike path through the addition of efficient solar powered lighting from Memorial Park to Roosevelt Park.

Coordination among BH Foundation, Rapid City Police, Swiftec, Dawn Claymore, Rapid City Parks, John Brewer, The Rapid City Rush Foundation, Mary Bosworth, and many others made this project possible and took 2 years to fund and complete.



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GREEN AND SUSTAINABLE AWARDS





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GOALS FOR UPCOMING YEAR

The Standing Committee on sustainability met on July 29th as part of an in-service; it was open to public and members of the press. The in-service was a 3 hour event where short term (2014) , mid term (up to 5 years), and long term (10+ years) goals were developed by members of committee and other attendees.

The list of short term goals was narrowed down into 6 priorities.



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GOALS FOR UPCOMING YEAR

Priority 1:

Recognize at least 10 recipients of Sustainability Awards.



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GOALS FOR UPCOMING YEAR

Priority 2:

Build an Education Program about Sustainability.



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GOALS FOR UPCOMING YEAR

Priority 3:

Creation of a Clearing House for Sustainable Ideas, Programs, and Information.



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GOALS FOR UPCOMING YEAR

Priority 4:

Organize and Host a Sustainability Conference in Rapid City.



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Priority 5:

Endorse or Facilitate Ordinances for Sustainable Practices.



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GOALS FOR UPCOMING YEAR

Priority 6:

Creation of a network of Liaisons with Sustainability Committee and the various City Departments; both inward and outward focused.



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GOALS FOR UPCOMING YEAR

Priority 7:

Ensure the City uses Compost and Mulch on every City project as part of Standard of Care and Development.



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THANK YOU AND CLOSING

Great things are coming!

The Standing Committee on Sustainability now has a solid foundation and is ready to move forward in cooperation with the City of Rapid City; as a resource, for advocacy, for education, and betterment of community.

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.