

MINUTES
City of Carbondale Sustainability Commission
Thursday, March 21, 2013
City Hall / Civic Center – 6:00 p.m.

1. **Roll Call:** Mr. Wodika called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.
- Members Present:** Mr. Wodika, Ms. Romaine -Wagner, Mr. Bobell, Mr. Beck, Mr. Kunath, Mr. Monty
- Members Absent:** Mr. Stewardson, Ms. Trotter, Mr. Thorne, Mr. Beck
- Staff Present:** Loren Polley
- Others Present:** Two CCHS students, two residents

Minutes: Motion by Ms. Romaine-Wagner, Second by Mr. Wodika, all in favor, or approval of January 17, 2013, minutes

2. **Communications:**

Review of the February, 2013 Status Report of the Former Koppers Wood-Treating Site. Contact is made and no date for visit has been established yet.

3. **Old Business:**

Energy Committee – Energy Aggregation has been the focus of the committee. 100 + renewable energy credits passed. Possibly send city a “Thank You” for energy aggregation.

Bike Path /Green Space Committee This year the first phase begins. Need more grants for bike paths. Need more promotions for the more bike paths. Need safe paths around town. Need a good and solid comprehensive plan. Need more input on where to properly place bike lanes or paths. It was also discussed of how to possibly make vacant lots within the city as potential “green” spaces. We need to define the actual definition of what is considered “potential green space”. Mr. Kunath suggested that members send definitions to his email and the subcommittee will decide which definitions best fit for a “green” space. Ms. Romaine-Wagner and Mr. Kunath will meet with Mr. Baity to suggest a Sustainability Commission page on the City of Carbondale website. It was mentioned to split Bike Path/ Green Space Committee. Need to know what the commission wants the split committee to become. Tree Committee may be merged as a part of this subcommittee.

Recycling Committee – Discussions continue on options for apartments to recycle. The committee would like to see stricter volume limits on trash as a way to encourage more recycling. Discussions continue on community based and commercial composting possibilities. The Governor vetoed the bill on plastic bags. Send emails to the Chamber of Commerce as well as Carbondale Main Street for any thoughts on how Styrofoam can be used less and hopefully banned all together. Styrofoam ban needs to be a top priority. A Styrofoam representative would like to come and explain how Styrofoam is a “good thing”. Need to figure out where in the City Code to input a possible Styrofoam clause.

4. **New Business:** Subcommittee meetings are moved to the first Thursday of the month. Possibly send notices to members that do not regularly attend meetings. Mr. Wodika would like to step down as the Chair of the Sustainability Commission. Need quorum to make this possible.
5. **Adjournment:** With no further business to be conducted Mr. Wodika adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM.
6. Respectively submitted by Loren K. Polley, City of Carbondale Staff Liaison