



**CITY OF CARBONDALE,
ILLINOIS
SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 21, 2022**

The City of Carbondale's Sustainability Commission held a meeting on Thursday, April 21, 2022. The meeting was remotely conducted due to the ongoing COVID pandemic, high transmission throughout the region and state, continuation of the Governor's Disaster Declaration, and the City Council's determination that in-person meetings are not currently practical nor prudent. Chair Aur Beck called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. with the following-named members of the Commission present/absent:

1. Roll Call

Present: Aur Beck, Jane Cogie, Breanna Whitley, Charles Howe, Yoonseo Jung, Sarah Heyer, Saxon Metzger

Absent: Tom Grant (ex officio), Kevin Clark.

A quorum was available to take action on the agenda items.

City Staff in attendance: John Lenzini

Others in attendance:

2. Approval of Minutes from the Sustainability Commission Meeting of March 17, 2022

J. Cogie moved, B. Whitley seconded, to approve the minutes of the Sustainability Committee meeting of March 17th, 2022. VOTE: All voted aye; motion declared carried.

3. Presentations

4. Communications

5. Old Business

Monthly updates / reviews:

- Monthly Updates/Review of:
 - Green Spot (continuous/on-going) Award program update – The award will not be given at the annual Chamber of Commerce Award Ceremony due to confusion in the Director changeover. A recipient must be a chamber member to receive green spot award. The commission will need to start promoting the award to solicit applications, although the deadline is rolling.
 - Solar Projects – No updates
 - City Composting – Ms. Heyer has reached out to Jackson and Williamson Counties. Awaiting further updates.
 - Former Koppers Wood Treatment Site Report – Desire for clarification from City staff regarding the EPA’s cleanup status. Mr. Lenzini shared that a special use permit was considered for Ameren Electric at the last Planning Commission meeting, to increase the existing Ameren substation size. This substation is very close to the Koppers Site.
 - Updates and amendments to the Proposed Sustainability Action Plan – A draft has been provided to City Manager Williams as of 4/26/2022.
 - ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability: Dr. Cogie prompted discussion about greenhouse gas emissions.

6. New Business

7. Citizen Comments and Questions

8. Commission Comments

The commission voted last meeting to hold the upcoming May meeting in person at the Civic Center, but will provide an additional zoom link for community members who do not feel comfortable attending in person.

The commission discussed that they will need to vote to instate Saxon Metzger as co-chair of the Sustainability Commission.

Mr. Lenzini shares that the City has hired a new Planner & Sustainability Coordinator, who will serve as the staff liaison for the Sustainability Commission.

Discussion on commission staffing.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.