



CARBONDALE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Thursday, February 17, 2022 5:00 p.m.

Due to the High Transmission Rate of COVID throughout the Region and State, the Continuation of the Governor's Disaster Declaration, and the City Council's Determination that In-Person Meetings are not currently practical nor prudent, this meeting is being remotely conducted.

AGENDA

1. Meeting Called to Order: 5 pm

2. Roll Call: A. Beck, K. Clark, J. Cogie, S. Heyer, C. Howe, Y. Jung, S. Metzger, B. Whitley
City Council Liaison: T. Grant Staff Liaison: M Ziarnek Others Present: John Lenzini and Molly Maxwell, Planning Department
Citizens: Diane Elkins

3. January 20, 2022 Minutes: Moved by J. Cogie, seconded by S. Metzger, unanimously approved

4. Presentations: *None*

5. Communications: *None*

6. Old Business:

- Monthly Updates/Review of:
 - City Composting: No update, except note of New Earth Composting owner noted as desiring to retire
 - Former Koppers Wood Treatment Site Status Report--website report cited
 - ICLEI (Local Governments for Sustainability)
 - No Update: Discussion about Green Bonds and Resilient City (As a one-time matter, this agenda item was removed from ongoing Old Business to be revisited)
 - No Update: Civic Center Catering Clients reduction of waste, another one-time item to be removed from ongoing Old Business
 - Proposed Sustainability Action Plan Status Report
 - S. Metzger noted progress toward a shareable draft of the Sustainability Action Plan, with some further revisions offered by S. Heyer and J. Cogie already transferred into plan, others still to be transferred, and a few more yet to come. The possibility of forming an Equity Committee was discussed, as a body to focus on assessing equity in how the Action Plan is carried out. K. Clark offered another option for adding diverse input on equity, namely his holding small group conversations with the African American community members about this Plan's components, in particular

the Inclusion and Environmental Justice section. It was decided to further explore this offer from Kevin.

- Solar Projects: No update
 - Sustainability Commission Letter of Support for Southern Illinois University (SIU) to address the SIU application to the Department of Energy (DOE) Communities LEAP (Local Energy Action Plan) technical assistance program: No Update
 - Green Spot Award Update: The first Green Spot Award will be awarded at the Chamber's upcoming award ceremony; the next round of nominations for this award will be during the second quarter.

7. New Business:

- ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability – Update regarding remotely conducted “ICLEI in the Year Ahead: Midwest” Zoom meeting held February 2, 2022 (A. Beck, J. Cogie, & T. Grant). J. Cogie attended. J. Cogie reported on the analytic tools and searchable databases newly offered by ICLEI in 2022, including LEARN (Land Emissions & Removal Navigator), Clear Path Tool Wizard (for forecasting GHG emissions according to different GHG reduction scenarios), Atlas of Sustainable Action Plans (searchable database of Cities' action plans).

8. Citizen Comments and Questions: Diane Elkins, National Sales Director, Buy Commercial Energy, Glenview IL, spoke on her company's offering of the Community Solar subscriptions available, citing a 10% savings on the electric supply bill.

9. Commission Comments:

- Staff Liaison follow-up-- J. Lenzini announced that M. Ziarnik, Planner and Sustainability Coordinator, is leaving his position for another job, and he cited the City's firm support for sustainability in Carbondale and the intent to hire another individual to fill this position.

10. Adjournment: 6:04 pm

Meeting Link for Public Attendance Via

Zoom Platform:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3379982408?pwd=N0pzSmJWUlhYM1J5eUt6UzRpdWsrZ09> Meeting ID: 337 998 2408 Passcode: 657337 Dial In: +1 (312) 626-6799