



**CITY OF CARBONDALE, ILLINOIS
SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

Thursday, January 20, 2022

The City of Carbondale's Sustainability Commission held a meeting on Thursday, January 20, 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 5:00 p.m. with the following-named members of the Commission present/absent:

1. Roll Call

Present: Aur Beck, Jane Cogie, Tom Grant (ex officio), Sarah Heyer, Charles Howe, Yoonseo Jung, Breanna Whitley

Absent: Kevin Clark, Saxon Metzger

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

City Staff present for the meeting included Community Development Manager John Lenzini, Southern Illinois Multi-Modal Station (SIMMS) Project Manager Mark Bollmann, Acting Senior Planner Molly Maxwell, and Planner / Sustainability Coordinator Michael Ziarnek (Sustainability Commission Staff Liaison).

Guest presenters addressing the SIMMS project included: Thad Heckman (Design Works), Hannah Henke (HMB Architects), Jarus Jones (HMB Architects).

2. Approval of Minutes from the Sustainability Commission Meeting of December 16, 2021

C. Howe moved, J. Cogie seconded, to approve the minutes of the Sustainability Committee meeting of December 16, 2021, VOTE: All voted aye; motion declared carried.

3. Presentations

Southern Illinois Multi-Modal Station (SIMMS) presentation by: T. Heckman, H. Henke, and J. Jones. Presentation and questions posed by Sustainability Commissioners addressed: the goal of Leadership in

Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver designation, various energy efficiency approaches, solar panels, geothermal potential, electric vehicle (EV) charging stations, incorporation of low environmental impact materials, bicycle route connectivity, bicycle storage, energy efficiency of SIMMS windows, Green Infrastructure (GI) and environmentally-friendly landscaping, permeable paving to address stormwater run-off, etc.

Mr. Heckman and Mr. Bollmann plan to provide updates to the Sustainability Commission at each monthly meeting.

4. Communications

None.

5. Old Business

Monthly updates / reviews:

- ✓ Solar Projects – No update provided.
- ✓ City Composting – No update provided.
- ✓ Former Koppers Wood Treatment Site Status Report – Daily Egyptian Issue 1/14/2022
- ✓ Updates and amendments to proposed Sustainability Action Plan (SAP) – Saxon Metzger's work on the SAP draft was noted and expressions of thanks were given. Sustainability Subcommittee members continue the review of the draft to provide feedback and revisions.
- ✓ ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability – will host a call on 2/22/2022 at 12 p.m. Eastern time.
- ✓ The following items were not discussed due to time limits:
 - Green Bonds and Resilient City
 - Civic Center Catering Clients reduction of waste
 - Green Spot Award - Commissioner Heyer reported the press release had been sent

6. New Business

- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Solar (Ground-Mounted) Systems – The City is working to address ground-mounted solar systems.

7. Citizen Comments and Questions

None.

8. Commission Comments

- ✓ Gratitude was expressed to the SIMMS design team and presenters.
- ✓ Sustainability Commission Subcommittee meeting - Thursday, February 3, 2022, at 12 p.m. addressing the Sustainability Action Plan.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.