



CARBONDALE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Thursday, April 15, 2021

5:00PM-5:55PM (CDT)

NOTE: Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order in response to COVID-19 issued March 16, 2020, this meeting will be held remotely

Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/94662238651?pwd=OHRGSWo4TEFIZFk5aXdiYURpVis5dz09>

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MINUTES

- 1. Call to Order & Roll Call:** attending: Aur Beck, Jane Cogie, Saxon Metzger, Nick Erwin, Charlie, Sarah
- 2. Approval of Minutes:** Saxon will edit last month minutes and send out with these minutes for approval next month
- 3. Presentations:** Aur: Look at the solar panels in the roof of the City Hall! They just put the first one in!
- 4. Communications:** Former Koppers Wood Treating Site – Current Status Report.
<https://www.wbez.org/stories/a-tale-of-two-brownfields-in-the-midwest/593b5adc-26a6-4ffb-8d5a-1f67a0ff26c9>

Aur: The article is still relevant and helpful. We had several people suggest that they wanted to join here but they haven't shown up. Nothing else to note

- 5. Old Business:** Long Term Sustainability Plan for the City/Sustainability Action Plan, Solar Projects, Polystyrene Foam, City Composting, Green Spot award

Last subcommittee meeting: We decided against having an Advisory board. It's too many advising layers. Possibly, we can have specific invites to regular meeting and then advertise to the public so they can see a larger conversation.

Jane and Sarah talked to Gary Williams, got some suggestions on moving forward with the Plan

Survey is done, we don't want more rehashing of the data. But we do want to outreach to groups not represented in our data. We want to show up with what we have, not the full plan, just to build up enthusiasm.

Joining ICLEI is something Gary is receptive to. He is interested in proposing to the Mayor that we sign up for the Global Mayors. He liked our layout and should incorporate it into our plan.

Gary offered some ideas of things that we do for moving forward, ie, suggesting mandating EV charging in new parking lots

How to organize and prioritize when you work with groups: you can prioritize underserved groups

Green spot award can be updated to have different things to include things like pollinators

Sarah made a motion to have Jane send a letter to the Mayor to get the Mayor to sign on to the Monarch Pledge. Charlie seconded. Vote unanimous.

6. New Business:

We need to decide a configuration for having input from other people. Do we want to have presentations? We do, so maybe we can have one each month for a few months

Jane will add things like issues related to runoff to the suggestions for the Sustainability Plan

Subcommittee will plan to meet first Thursdays in at 5pm monthly.

Polystyrene Foam: Sarah recommended we move this to the sustainability Plan. Aur suggested that we work better with encouragement rather than discouragement

Saxon will talk to the Chamber about Green Spot award. Aur suggested that it was going to be a working idea

City composting has no movement.

5-6pm hard to meet for Tom and Scott. We will aim to move to 6pm as it's easier for these people.

Some discussion about working with gardening in Carbondale, how things can get challenging

7. Citizen Comments and Questions: Nothing

8. Commission Comments: Nothing

9. Adjournment: 6 pm Charlie motions, Jane seconded motion. Vote unanimous