

Carbondale Sustainability Commission, Minutes, 2/20/20 (submitted by J. Cogie)

Present: Aur Beck, Nick Erwin, Evan Ewing, Sarah Heyer, Charlie Howe, Visitor: Austin Little

Absent: Scott Thorn and Saxon Metzker, Commissioners
Loren Polley, Staff Liaison

Call to Order: 6:05 pm

Approval of 1/16/20 minutes, revised version plus addition of note “no report” to agenda items where nothing was covered):

Approval Moved by Sarah Heyer; seconded by Charlie? Or was it Nick?

Passed unanimously

Presentation: Austin Little, U of Illinois Extension, Horticulture specialist, (invited by Sarah Heyer): Austin described his U of I work: outreach programming in our five county U of I Extension area (education on food security—targeting socio economically impacted population

- Hands-on project examples: Sustainable gardening / landscaping / rain-scaping, sustainable weed management, and community gardens—U of Ill Office demo bed and new Good Samaritan House garden, led by Terry Foster (Master Gardener)
- Gardening Together U of I Extension Grants:
 - 1.) Grant for Good Samaritan and Kids Korner gardens expansion (train the trainer & involve participants in food prep). SNAP recipients have access to the produce
 - 2.) Grant for garden at JALC's Harrison Bruce Village, food donated to Marion and/or Carterville Salvation Army
- Relevance to Sustainability Action Plan? How to Improve access to local healthy food through community gardens and education and combined efforts.
Action Idea: institute a city-wide garden day and schedule delivery of compost

Communications: No report on Koppers

Old Business:

- Long-term Sustainability Commission Plan: Review of baselines Public Works will provide to the Sustainability Commission (to measure progress) from 2/5/20 meeting
- Solar Projects: Summary of Solarize Southern Illinois Group Solar Buy
- City composting—no composting report

Commission Comments:

--Need to change regular Sustainability Commission Subcommittee meeting time (from our agreed upon first Thursday of month 3:30 -4:30 pm);

--Nick Erwin will send out doodle poll to facilitate choice of new date/ time.

Adjourn, 7:12 pm