



CARBONDALE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Thursday August 18th, 2022 - 5:00PM

The Carbondale Public Library
405 W Main St, Carbondale, IL 62901

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call (5:06pm)

Voting Members:

	Present	Absent	Comment
Aur Beck (Chair)	x		
Saxon Metzger (Vice-Chair)		x	
Jane Cogie	x		
Kevin Clark	x		
Sarah Heyer	x		
Yoonseo Jung (Student)		x	Off-site Attendee: Student
Vacant (Student)			
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Ex Officio Members:

	Present	Absent
Tom Grant (City Councilmember)	x	

City Staff:

	Present	Absent
Lauren Becker (Staff Liaison)	x	
Jennifer Sorrell (City Clerk)	x	

Community Members Present: Amy Welling

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes: August 18th, 2022 (K. Clark moves, Chair Beck assures unanimous consent)

3. Citizen Comments and Questions (None)

4. Presentations

- Rules of Order Overview - Jennifer Sorrell, City Clerk
 - i. J. Sorrell drafted and provided a two page rules of order to guide the Sustainability Commission
 - ii. J. Sorrell recommended not adopting Robert's Rules of Order as they may be too stringent for the purpose of the Sustainability Commission
 - iii. Chair Beck provided context, that historically the Commission would conduct research and provide technical information to the City Council
 - iv. J. Cogie shared that there is a need to have this conversation given that the Commission is in a state of transition from developing the City of Carbondale Sustainability Action Plan to now having a staff member to lead implementation of the plan.

- Exercise - Lauren Becker, Staff Liaison
 - i. L. Becker led a fifteen minute exercise to assist in helping the body understand the identity of the Sustainability Commission in this time of transition. Questions included “What strengths do you bring to the Sustainability Commission?” and “What has been the most significant struggle for the Sustainability Commission in your time as a member?”
 - ii. L. Becker shared that results of the exercise, which are anonymous, will be compiled and discussed at the 9/15/2022 meeting.

5. Report of Officers, Committees, and Communications

- Sustainability Coordinator Monthly Progress Report (attached)
 - i. J. Cogie brought to discussion that there is significant opportunity within the state, local, and federal sustainability landscape (i.e. CEJA), L. Becker asked if J. Cogie would be willing to provide a regular report. J. Cogie accepted.
 - ii. L. Becker outlined that out of respect for commissioners’ time, the monthly report of progress regarding sustainability coordination will continue to be provided in written format, with the understanding that commissioners will review the report prior to the meeting. Meeting space will be reserved for questions and discussion surrounding the report.
 - iii. Discussion surrounding SIU contact/collaboration and question of whether a new sustainability coordinator will be hired. K. Clark provided further context as a member of the hiring committee.
 - iv. Commission members expressed interest in writing a letter to Chancellor Austin Lane Ph.D. commending the historic collaboration between the City of Carbondale and the SIU Sustainability Office, and communicating that the body is eagerly awaiting the hiring of the newest sustainability professional. S. Heyer volunteered to draft a letter for approval at 9/15/22 meeting. J. Cogie offered to collaborate. L. Becker will inquire with city administration to learn the process of commissions sending formal letters.
 - v. Chair Beck requested that the monthly City report regarding the Koppers Wood Treatment Site be read during each Sustainability Commission Meeting, through a Report of Officers, Committees, and Communications. J. Cogie seconded (Designee to be appointed)
 - vi. L. Becker requested that the creation of new programs through the Commission be paused until the Commission has had a chance to determine new identity in a transition out of developing the Sustainability Action Plan to implementing the SAP

6. Old Business

- Vote to accept proposed Green Spot Award Calendar & Criteria (attached)
 - i. S. Heyer moved to table the vote to accept the draft proposed Green Spot Award Calendar & Criteria indefinitely to allow the Commission to determine new identity in a transition from developing the Sustainability Action Plan to implementing the SAP. J. Cogie seconded. Vote passed unanimously.

7. New Business

8. Announcements

- L. Becker shared reminder of 2022 Illinois Solar Tour in Carbondale – September 24th 10am – 3pm
- J. Cogie shared Tree Equity Group – Trees Forever grant is moving forward
- S. Heyer shared the community yard sale is 9/3/22

9. Adjournment (J. Cogie moves to adjourn, K. Clark seconds, unanimous consent – 6:33pm)