CARBONDALE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION
Thursday October 20th, 2022 - 5:00PM

The Carbondale Civic Center – Room 103
200 S. Illinois Avenue, Carbondale IL

AGENDA

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call** (5:04pm)

Voting Members:

	Present	Absent	Comment
Aur Beck (Chair)	x		Traveling, attended virtually
Jane Cogie	x		Presiding as Chair
Kevin Clark	x		
Sarah Heyer	x		
Yoonseo Jung (Student)	x		
Isaac Ludington (Student)	x		
Treesong	x		
Vacant			

Ex Officio Members:

	Present	Absent
Tom Grant (City Councilmember)	x	

City Staff:

	Present	Absent
Lauren Becker (Staff Liaison)	x	

Community Members Present:

2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** September 15th 2022 (K. Clark motions to approve, Treesong Seconds, Presiding Chair Cogie assures unanimous consent)

3. **Citizen Comments and Questions** (None)

4. **Presentations** (None)

5. **Report of Officers, Committees, and Communications**
   - **a.** Sustainability Coordinator Monthly Progress Report (attached)

     Welcome to new commission members, Isaac Ludington and Treesong. L. Becker provided space for questions from new members to veteran members. Open discussion regarding the Sustainability Coordinator Monthly Progress Report for September. Specific commission interest in pollinator yards pilot program (PYPP), community gardens, and the community-scale greenhouse gas emissions (and equivalent) inventory for the baseline year of 2019. L. Becker establishes consent that commissioners would like to draft a memo in support of staff

code review and revision to encourage community gardens. S. Heyer volunteers to draft this memorandum to City Council.

b. Federal, State, and Local Policy Landscape Report (J. Cogie)

Presiding Chair Cogie shares regarding the CEJA Town Hall to be held virtually October 20th 6:30pm. In addition, Prairie Rivers Network will be hosting a prep session to assist Southern Illinois community members with providing feedback during DCEO (Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity) statewide listening sessions surrounding the implementation of CEJA and the location of a Workforce Hub in Carbondale, IL. This prep session is held virtually October 25th 6pm-7:30pm while the DCEO listening session is Nov 3rd 3-5pm with accompanying surveys. This is the best time to respond to Requests for Information from the federal and state government. DCEO will be defining things like "what is a navigator" as outlined in CEJA. Equity is on the line.

c. Former Koppers Wood Treatment Site Report

Presiding Chair Cogie shares that she is interested to see what can be done through zoning to protect our community from the historic and ongoing harms surrounding the brownfield site within our community. L. Becker concurs strongly and highlights how this topic directly correlates to the work of the sustainability commission and the work of the sustainability coordinator. S. Heyer recommends that the Sustainability Action Plan be considered by city planning staff. L. Becker shares that the way zoning for our city is currently structured, the location of industry within city limits is disproportionately located in the Eastern portion of our city and that this calls direct attention to our city's zoning practices.

6. **Old Business** (None)

7. **New Business** (None)

8. **Announcements**
   a. CEJA & You! Virtual Event October 20th 6:30pm Register Here
   b. Councilmember Grant shares that he has free trees for the taking. (Black Walnut)
   c. Presiding Chair Cogie shares that the Jackson County Housing Authority has secured a Trees Forever grant to plant additional urban tree canopy in Murphysboro.

9. **Adjournment** (S. Heyer moves to adjourn. K. Clark seconds. Presiding Chair Cogie assures unanimous consent. 6:07pm)