



CARBONDALE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Thursday November 17th, 2022 - 5:00PM

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

MINUTES

Voting Members:

	Present	Absent	Comment
Aur Beck (Chair)	x		
Jane Cogie	x		
Kevin Clark	x		
Sarah Heyer	x		
Yoonseo Jung (Student)		x	Excused
Isaac Ludington (Student)		x	Excused
Treesong	x		
Vacant			
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Ex Officio Members:

	Present	Absent
Tom Grant (City Councilmember)	x	

City Staff:

	Present	Absent
Lauren Becker (Staff Liaison)	x	

Community Members Present: Sorrel Smith, Mike Wagner, Suzanne Schwinn, Abbie Kruse, Kelsey Bowe, Benjamin Mendez, Pheral Lamb, Deborah Woods. These community members included representatives from Women for Change, Greater Egypt Regional Planning Commission, Food Autonomy, and Common Greens.

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call (5:03pm)**
- 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes:** November 17th 2022, Jane moved to approve, Treesong seconds. Chair Beck ensured unanimous approval.
- 3. Citizen Comments and Questions** The Commission received a brief introduction by Mike Wagner of Common Greens, which began in 2010 by installing gardens in our community. Mike shared that he was “so glad to see the memorandum put forward to City Council” due to the great challenge before us. He expressed he is pleased to see a comprehensive plan to make Carbondale more sustainable and smooth the re-entry of folks who had previously experience incarceration by ensuring housing. Mike shared that food autonomy is valuable, even when small. Food autonomy is valuable to our success.
- 4. Presentations** The Commission received a brief presentation (attached) from Kelsey Bowe, Environmental Planner for the Greater Egypt Regional Planning Commission on the Illinois EPA grant for water quality planning that has been secured. Greater Egypt and the City of Carbondale are partnering along with other stakeholders to identify a region in the Carbondale Urbanized Area that will allow us to pilot an Urban Heat Island study. Kelsey presented to the Commission to ask if they would be interested in serving as a stakeholder.

Liaison Becker asked “how would the Sustainability Commission like to provide insight and perspective as a stakeholder? K. Bowe shared that their Greater Egypt Team will host monthly meetings for comments as well as send out surveys for asynchronous feedback.

5. Report of Officers, Committees, and Communications

- a. Sustainability Coordinator Monthly Progress Report (L. Becker, attached)
- b. Federal, State, and Local Policy Landscape Report (J. Cogie, attached)
- c. Former Koppers Wood Treatment Site Report (A. Beck – no additional comments)

6. Old Business

- a. Memorandum Recommending Council Action Rd: Community Gardens (attached)

S. Heyer introduced the memorandum. S. Heyer moved to approve. Treesong seconded. The memorandum passed unanimously.

7. New Business

- a. Sustainability Commission Proposed Meetings Schedule for the Calendar Year 2023 (attached)

S. Heyer moved to approve. K. Clark seconded. The proposed meetings schedule passed unanimously.

8. Announcements

P. Lamb shared that the Arbor District Neighborhood Association is kicking off Working Groups, of which P. Lamb’s working group is focused on zoning.

Chair Beck reminded everyone “it’s going to get cold, cover your plants”

T. Grant shared enjoy holidays and stay safe

S. Heyer reminded everyone of the upcoming Neighborhood Alliance Meeting, February 4th 2023 10am-Noon at the Public Library

9. Adjournment (6:06pm) S. Heyer moves to adjourn. K.Clark seconds. Chair Beck adjourns.