



CARBONDALE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Thursday February 15th, 2024 - 5:00PM

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

MINUTES

Voting Members:

	Present	Absent	Comment
Treesong (Chair)	x		
Aur Beck (Vice Chair)	x		
Jane Cogie	x		
Kevin Clark	x		
Sarah Heyer	x		
Yoonseo Jung (CCHS Student)	x		
Vacant (SIU Student)			
Gayle Klam	x		
Joan Davis	x		

Ex Officio Members:

	Present	Absent
Vacant		

City Staff:

	Present	Absent
Lauren Becker (Staff Liaison)	x	

Community Members Present: Laurel Toussaint

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call (5:00)**
- 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes:** January 18th, 2024 (G. Klam moved, J. Cogie seconded)

Liaison Becker shared that minutes will go back to being brief, following city best practices.

3. Citizen Comments and Questions

Community member Laurel Toussaint drew attention to the Parks Survey that is currently live and accessible through signage, email newsletter, and social media.

S. Heyer drew attention to instances in which new business was not being moved to old business on the agendas. Liaison Becker communicated it's likely because no further actions were proposed (i.e. memorandums).

4. Presentations (None)

5. Report of Officers, Committees, and Communications

- a. Sustainability Coordinator Monthly Progress Report (L. Becker, attached)

Commission members requested further information surrounding (1) the winter seed sowing demonstration, (2) city support and collaboration on the Army Corps of Engineers Section 206 funding opportunity to restore local aquatic ecosystems, and (3) whether there was any news from the Department of Energy regarding the Energy Futures Planning Grant.

- b. Former Koppers Wood Treatment Site Report (A. Beck)

6. Old Business (None)

7. New Business

Approval of the 2024 Sustainability Commission Schedule of Meetings

Chair Treesong ensured unanimous consent, the 2024 Sustainability Commission Schedule of Meetings was passed

Approval of Sustainability Commission Memorandum to City Council Regarding Biodiversity Protections

Discussion was held surrounding (1) minor grammatical changes, (2) whether edits should be made to specify the inclusion of biodiversity considerations and a survey of biological species on public lands within the Parks and Recreation Master Plan scope of work, and (3) whether the Commission should request additional staffing. Conflicting opinions were shared.

The Commission decided to send proposed revisions to drafting author J. Cogie ahead of the March meeting, to be applied and re-submitted to the commission for final review and vote.

8. Announcements

J. Cogie shared that February 28th, at 6:30pm via Zoom “Clean Homes of the Future in Southern Illinois: A Healthcare Professional’s Perspective” would be held.

J. Cogie shared that March 21st at 7pm at the Carbondale Township building, Trent Ford, the State Climatologist would be speaking to the Shawnee Group of the Sierra Club.

9. Adjournment (6:14pm G. Klam moved, A. Beck seconded. Chair Treesong ensured unanimous consent.)