



CARBONDALE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Thursday March 21st, 2024 - 5:00PM

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

MINUTES

Voting Members:

	Present	Absent	Comment
Treesong (Chair)		x	Excused
Aur Beck (Vice Chair)		x	Excused
Jane Cogie	x		
Kevin Clark		x	Not excused
Sarah Heyer	x		
Yoonseo Jung (CCHS Student)	x		
Chaya Rice (SIU Student)	x		
Gayle Klam	x		
Joan Davis	x		

Ex Officio Members:

	Present	Absent
Vacant		

City Staff:

	Present	Absent
Lauren Becker (Staff Liaison)	x	

Community Members Present: None

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call** (5:00, called to order by Commissioner Joan Davis, serving in Chair Treesong's stead)
- 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes:** February 15th, 2024 (G. Klam moved, C. Rice seconded)
- 3. Citizen Comments and Questions** (None)
- 4. Presentations** (None)
- 5. Report of Officers, Committees, and Communications**
 - a. Sustainability Coordinator Monthly Progress Report (L. Becker, attached)

Warm welcome to our newest SIU student representative, Chaya Rice!

Commission members requested further information surrounding (1) Opportunity for additional communication with Greater Egypt Regional Planning Commission Environmental Planner Kelsey Bowe, regarding the urban heat index pilot study; (2) The Village of Dowell's Department of

Commerce and Economic Opportunities' Energy Communities Transition Grant; (3) City funding for sustainability in the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget

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

6. Old Business

Sustainability Commission Memorandum

Discussion was held surrounding (1) the scope of work and costs associated of an inventory of plant species within city-owned public parks, provided by Chris Benda, the Illinois Botanizer.

The Commission chose to amend the memorandum to reflect comments during the meeting, with unanimous consent.

S. Heyer moved to pass the amended memorandum. J. Cogie seconded. All voted in favor.

7. New Business

8. Announcements

J. Cogie reminded the Commission of Dr. Trent Ford, the Illinois State Climatologist's talk – to be held at 7pm at the Carbondale Township building.

S. Heyer reminded the Commission of the Keep Carbondale Beautiful tree sale, to be held Saturday at 8:30am at the Pavilion.

9. Adjournment (5:56pm, J. Davis ensured unanimous consent.)