



CARBONDALE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Thursday April 18th, 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	Excused
Kevin Clark		x	Excused
Sarah Heyer	x		
Yoonseo Jung (CCHS Student)		x	
Chaya Rice (SIU Student)	x		
Gayle Klam		x	Excused
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** (5:09pm)
2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** March 21st, 2024 (J. Davis moved, S. Heyer seconded, Chair Treesong ensured unanimous consent)

3. Citizen Comments and Questions

L. Toussaint commented that there will be a public meeting on Parks & Recreation April 30th at 5pm at the Carbondale Civic Center and encouraged commissioners to attend.

4. Presentations (None)

5. Report of Officers, Committees, and Communications

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

The Commission celebrated the City's success in securing both the \$.5M Energy Future Grant Program funding and the Communities-LEAP Cohort 2 Technical Assistance.

Vice Chair Beck requested an amendment to the March Progress report to clarify that L. Becker did not specifically recommend StraightUp Solar as an installer for the Village of Dowell.

J. Davis shared that she has connected with the SIU Sustainable Medical Group, and has been invited to speak on their podcast about the work of the Sustainability Commission.

Discussion was held on how to dissuade the use of traditional lawn care equipment (residential and commercial). S. Heyer and J. Davis agreed to workshop recommendations to bring before the Commission.

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

6. Old Business

7. New Business

8. Announcements

- SIU Green Fund Proposals may be accessed by contacting SIU Sustainability Office
- 18 Green Fund proposals and 14 writing contest submissions were received
- The Sustainability Commission is invited to the Green Fund Ceremony at 3pm on April 22nd
- Vice Chair Beck is seeking K-12 teachers for an Illinois Solar on Schools Class April 27th. They will receive a \$100 stipend and national recognition for their service in support of STEM education.
- J. Davis shared that April 26th and 27th will be the Hunger Sale, held at University Mall.

9. Adjournment (6:09pm, S. Heyer moved, Chair Treesong ensured unanimous consent)