



CARBONDALE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Thursday July 18th, 2024 - 5:00PM

Carbondale Civic Center – Room 118
200 S. Illinois Avenue, Carbondale IL

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call**
- 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes:** June 20th, 2024
- 3. Citizen Comments and Questions**
- 4. Presentations**
- 5. Report of Officers, Committees, and Communications**
 - a. Sustainability Coordinator Monthly Progress Report (L. Becker, attached)
 - b. Former Koppers Wood Treatment Site Report (A. Beck)
- 6. Old Business**

Further Discussion: Gas Powered Leaf Blowers (J. Davis & S. Heyer)
- 7. New Business**
- 8. Announcements**
- 9. Adjournment**

Voting Members:

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

Ex Officio Members:

	Present	Absent
Vacant		

City Staff:

	Present	Absent
Lauren Becker (Staff Liaison)		

Community Members Present:



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MINUTES

Voting Members:

	Present	Absent	Comment
Treesong (Chair)	x		
Aur Beck (Vice Chair)	x		
Jane Cogie	x		
Kevin Clark	x		
Sarah Heyer	x		
Vacant (CCHS Student)			
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:

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call (5:03pm)**
- 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes:** May 16th, 2024 (J. Cogie moved, J. Davis seconded)
- 3. Citizen Comments and Questions (None)**
- 4. Presentations**
- 5. Report of Officers, Committees, and Communications**
 - Sustainability Coordinator Monthly Progress Report (L. Becker, attached)
 - Discussion about current grant administration (6)
 - Discussion on Water Power Technologies Office Lab Call Proposal (submitted)
 - Discussion on Dowell “Rooftop Solar Learning Lab”
 - Discussion of YSEALI Fellowship, Annisa Nurulhuda
 - Discussion on PC 25-01 1MW Solar Special Use Permit, July 17th
 - Discussion on Municipal Electricity Aggregation
 - Discussion on Comprehensive Stormwater Master Plan

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

6. Old Business (None)

7. New Business (None)

8. Announcements (None)

9. Adjournment (6:11pm, S. Heyer moved, Vice Chair Beck seconded)

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The following will serve as my Sustainability Coordinator report of progress for the month of June 2024. As always, please don't hesitate to reach out with questions and comments.

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Routine:

- Continued regular check-ins with Justin Harrell, SIU Facilities & Energy Maintenance
- Continued regular check-ins with Stan Reno, Interim City Manager
- Continued regular check-ins with Wade Halva, Faith in Place
- Continued attending weekly "Federal Funding Fridays" by the Midwest Climate Collaborative
- Continued attending monthly "Complete Streets" meetings, which encourage interdepartmental collaboration for well-designed cityscapes
- Continued regular monthly check-ins with the Village of Dowell team
- Continued monthly check-ins with Aimee Lemrise, SIU Sustainability Director
- Continued attending bi-weekly EFG Office Hours

Uncategorized:

- Attended the Illinois Municipal Sustainability Staff Meeting (6/5)
- Supported Jackson County Health Department staff in their first Rain Barrel Sale (6/5)
- Met with Pankil Desai, our new point of contact with Solstice, to discuss potential short term applications of community solar (6/6)
- Accepted an invitation to learn about patents on concentrated solar energy systems from a Mr. Martin out of Paducah, KY (6/7)
- Attended the VSN Regional Southern Illinois Gathering, hosted by the Nature Conservancy (6/11)
- Coordinated a successful tour of CRC Recycling (6/13)
- Met with graduate student Hannah Weber to discuss a potential internship with the City of Carbondale for Fall 2024 (6/14)
- Coordinated meeting with St. Louis Composting along with Jackson County Health Department Recycling Coordinator Angie Kuehl to discuss opportunities for collaboration and location within the Jackson County region (6/20)
- Met with Pankil Desai of Solstice and Alex Pasanen, Policy Director, to discuss why community solar and community choice aggregation are not typically paired (6/27)

Energy Sovereignty, Security & Democracy Proposal:

- Carbondale WPTO TA Proposal Meeting (6/3)
- C2C Expert Match Check In (6/4, 6/25)
- Accepted invitation to meet with Shoshanna Spector of All of Us Strategies to discuss the Energy Sovereignty Proposal (6/4)
- Submitted full WPTO TA Proposal (6/6)

- Met with our Energy Future Grant Program Manager Briana Farber for the first time to review the first draft of the Statement of Project Objectives (SOPO) (6/6)
- Met with Frances Sawyer and Gentry Higgins of Pleiades Strategy to discuss the creation of a proposed Scope of Work for strategic communications surrounding the Energy Sovereignty Proposal (6/6)
- Attended the Energy Future Grants (EFG) Community Benefits Plan Webinar (6/12)
- Accepted invitation to be interviewed by Jessica Wettig of the Southern Illinoisan (6/13)
- Checked in w/ Scott Carron (NREL) regarding EFG (6/13)
- Completed SOPO Revision 2 (internal)
- Created Standard Operating Procedures for the EFG Phase 1 Project Team (i.e. file-sharing)
- Held EFG Phase 1 Project Team “One-on-ones” to discuss preferred practices of Elevate Energy, NREL, and L4GG (6/21)
- Met with Amanda Pankau and Robert Hirshfield of Prairie Rivers Network regarding the Dowell & Carbondale Energizing Rural Communities Prize Phase 2 Application, involving the creation of a ten-minute video (6/26)
- Checked in w/ Scott Carron (NREL) regarding EFG (6/26)
- Attended the EFG Budget Justification Workbook Webinar (6/26)
- Checked in w/the wider NREL team regarding EFG SOPO Revision 1 (6/26)
- Checked in w/ Scott Carron (NREL) regarding EFG SOPO changes (6/28)
- Submitted EFG CBP/CBOO First Draft and SOPO Second Draft to Bri Farber (6/28)

Sustainability Commission:

- Held Sustainability Commission meeting (6/20)

Communities LEAP Coalition Cohort 2:

- C-LEAP Cohort 2 Check in w/ Justin Harrell, Gregory Norris, Johanna Jamison, and Scott Carron to discuss the timeline for roll-out (6/5)
- Accepted invitation to be interviewed regarding Communities LEAP Cohort 1 by Bryan Garcia of the Secretary of Energy’s Advisory Board (6/26)