



CARBONDALE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Thursday July 18th, 2024 - 5:00PM

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

MINUTES

Voting Members:

	Present	Absent	Comment
Treesong (Chair)		x	Excused
Aur Beck (Vice Chair)	x		
Jane Cogie	x		
Kevin Clark		x	Excused
Sarah Heyer	x		
Vacant (CCHS Student)			
Chaya Rice (SIU Student)		x	Excused
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, Becca Sullivan

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call (5:05pm)**
- 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes:** June 20th, 2024 (G. Klam moved, J. Davis seconded)
- 3. Citizen Comments and Questions**

Extensive discussion held surrounding the Parks & Recreation master plan final presentation:

- Significant concerns expressed by community member Laurel Toussaint.
- Commission discussed memorandum drafted and passed by the Commission in March 2024.
- Commission requested Staff Liaison Becker circulate the final memorandum again.
- Commission determined they would present the memorandum formally to the City Council.
- J. Davis volunteered to email the memorandum to the City Clerk, with request that it be placed on the agenda.

- 4. Presentations (None)**

5. Report of Officers, Committees, and Communications

- a. Sustainability Coordinator Monthly Progress Report (L. Becker, attached)
 - S. Heyer requested Kelsey Bowe of Greater Egypt be invited to provide an update on the Urban Heat Vulnerability Index
- b. Former Koppers Wood Treatment Site Report (A. Beck)

6. Old Business

Further Discussion: Gas Powered Leaf Blowers (J. Davis & S. Heyer)

- J. Davis reported on deep dive research into market trends toward electric yard equipment, which summarizes the market is making the shift, regardless of a local rebate.
- J. Davis formally recommended the commission not pursue a rebate or a ban, given that the industry trends.
- The commission engaged in discussion.
- The commission determined that they would revisit the discussion in July 2025.

7. New Business (None)

8. Announcements

- [Jackson County Rain Barrel Sale](#) July 19th, 2024 1pm-5pm
- [IDOT survey](#) regarding mass transit – please provide your perspective!
- Shawnee Group Sierra Club Event - [Conservation Stewardship: Reflections on a Work in Progress](#)

9. Adjournment (6:09pm J. Cogie moved. J. Davis seconded.)