



CARBONDALE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Thursday August 15th, 2024 - 5:00PM

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

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes: July 18th, 2024

3. Citizen Comments and Questions

4. Presentations

Greater Egypt Regional Planning Commission – Comprehensive Stormwater Master Plan

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

7. New Business

Discussion on Annual Election of Chair and Vice-Chair. Vote to be held at September 19th 2024 meeting.

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	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.)

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

Recurring:

- 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 "green" Synergy Meetings held by Mike Baltz
- Continued monthly check-ins with Aimee Lemrise, SIU Sustainability Director
- Continued attending bi-weekly EFG Office Hours
- Continued regular C2C Expert Match check ins

Chronological:

- Held final C2C Expert Match Deliverable Review (7/2)
- EECBG Budget adjustment to Council (7/2)
- ERC Prize Phase 2 filming (presentation) (7/2)
- ERC Prize Phase 2 filming (interviews) (7/3)
- Pleaides Strategy proposal review, strategic communications (7/5)
- Attended peer CBP/CBOO workshop for EFG (7/9)
- Prepared background for discussion regarding community choice aggregation at Council (7/9)
- Visited Faith In Place Youth Program members at New Zion Missionary Baptist Church (7/10)
- Launched subject matter expert and landowner consultations with Greater Egypt Regional Planning Commission for the Comprehensive Stormwater Master Plan (7/10)
 - o Green Earth Consultation (7/11)
 - o SIU Facilities Consultation (7/17)
 - o Jackson County Health Department (7/17)
- Completed the first draft of the ERC Prize Phase 2 application (7/10)
- Attended the second public meeting regarding parks and recreation master planning (7/11)
- Held a pollinator yards consult on Emerald Lane (7/12)
- Submitted the ERC Prize Phase 2 application (7/12)
- Met with Scott Carron (NREL) regarding subcontractor funding for Communities LEAP Cohort 2 (7/12)
- Met with the hydropower NREL team regarding reviewer comments for the WPTO TA Proposal (7/12)
- Completed first draft of the EFG budget (7/15)
- Met for the first time with Jackson County Mass Transit District (JCMTD) leadership/staff (7/17)
- Attended ECA Solar meeting regarding the Special Use Permit process (7/17)
- Met with Pleaides Strategy to review comments regarding draft strategic communications plan scope of work (7/15)
- Submitted second version SOPO and first version of CBP/CBOO to EFG grant manager (7/18)
- Held July Sustainability Commission meeting (7/18)
- Attended the Energy Transition Community Grant Public Meeting held by City Economic Development (7/22)

- Met for a check-in with Heather Navarro, Executive Director of the Midwest Climate Collaborative (7/23)
- Attended “Natural Playgrounds: The Science and Irony behind an Obvious Climate” webinar (7/23)
- Revised internal site plan checklist for production-grade solar, Site Plan “Lite” (7/24)
- Met with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Renewable Energy Siting Clinic to discuss the Energy Sovereignty, Security & Democracy Proposal (7/24)
- Met with Molly Maxwell, Senior and Transportation Planner for the City to discuss best practices in transportation planning and funding for public transit (7/24)
- Met with Mike Fourcher, Energy and Climate Policy Advisor for the British Consulate-General of Chicago, to discuss the Energy Sovereignty, Security & Democracy Proposal (7/25)
- Met with Erin Ashley, Jackson County Resource Coordinator, to open up a line of communication and collaboration (7/25)
- Met with EFG Grant Manager Briana Farber to review draft deliverables (7/25)
- Held check in with Steve Mitchell, City Economic Development Director (7/30)
- Met with Abby Russell and Emily Perks of Man Tra Con regarding City partnership and collaboration in Just Clean Energy Transition workforce development (7/30)
- Met with Melissa Ray Roach of the SIU Office of Innovation and Economic Development to learn more about the memorandum of understanding passed through Council, in which the City will provide support to SIU OIED surrounding the CEJA Workforce Network contractor accelerator and incubator programs, in which I was named (7/31)