



CARBONDALE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Thursday November 21st, 2024 - 5:00PM

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

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes: October 17th, 2024

3. Citizen Comments and Questions

4. Presentations

5. Report of Officers, Committees, and Communications

- a. Subcommittee Report (S. Heyer)
- b. Sustainability Coordinator Monthly Progress Report (L. Becker, attached)
- c. Former Koppers Wood Treatment Site Report (A. Beck)

6. Old Business

7. New Business

Discussion regarding proposal for a John A. Logan College Student Commissioner (Chair Treesong)

Vote regarding amendment to the Sustainability Commission Bylaws to allow for a John A. Logan College Student Commissioner (Chair Treesong)

Vote regarding Annual Calendar of Meetings (Liaison Becker)

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: Anastasia Moroz, Student Body President, John A. Logan College and Laurel Toussaint

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call** (5:05pm)
- 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes:** September 19th, 2024 (A. Beck moved, J. Cogie seconded)
- 3. Citizen Comments and Questions**

Discussion on transportation (JAX, accessibility of mapping, availability of routes)

Discussion on biodiversity and management

Commission poses question: "If there are no responses to Memorandums, what's the next step?"

- 4. Presentations** (None)
- 5. Report of Officers, Committees, and Communications**
 - Sustainability Coordinator Monthly Progress Report (L. Becker, attached)
 - Former Koppers Wood Treatment Site Report (A. Beck)

6. Old Business (None)

7. New Business

J. Davis moved for the Chair to reach out to the Mayor, City Council, and City Manager to appoint an Ex Officio members at their earliest convenience, with the Commission carbon copied. J. Cogie seconded. All in favor.

S. Heyer recommended the creation of a Subcommittee centering process and procedure surrounding implementation of the Sustainability Action Plan, first meeting scheduled Tuesday October 22nd, 2024 at 9:30am at the Neighborhood Co-op Grocery, 1815 W Main St, Carbondale, IL 62901. Well received by the Commission, S. Heyer requested L. Becker put out a media notice.

8. Announcements

Anastasia Moroz announced there are still two board positions available on the John A. Logan Board of Trustees.

9. Adjournment (6:08pm C. Rice motioned to adjourn, J. Davis seconded)

The following will serve as my Sustainability Coordinator report of progress for the month of October 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 regular Village of Dowell/City of Carbondale check-ins
- 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 regular Communities LEAP 2 Lead Applicant check-ins
- Continued bi-weekly check ins with Fall 2024 Master's Student Intern, Hannah Weber
- Continued regular Stormwater Planning meetings with Greater Egypt Regional Planning Commission

Chronological:

- Created Budget Adjustment for the Energizing Rural Communities Prize Phase 2 (10/1)
- Met with Jane Cogie (10/1)
- Met with Sarah Builia (10/1)
- Attended the Man Tra Con 3rd Annual Workforce Summit (10/2)
- Attended a town hall on the Inflation Reduction Act hosted by the Illinois Environmental Council (10/3)
- Attended City Council meeting to perform budget adjustment, accepting \$200,000 Energizing Rural Communities Prize and entering consulting services agreement with Pleiades Strategy for the creation of a Strategic Communications Plan (10/8)
- Met with Endyna Technical Assistance coordinator Raphael Kasen for an intake meeting regarding the Community Change Grant (10/9)
- Held introductory meeting with Mike Carr, Board President of the Community Housing Trust (10/11)
- Developed marketing materials to communicate opportunities for public engagement surrounding the Stormwater Master Plan (Facebook, Instagram, Print, Press release) and coordinated for the award of prizes out of respect for survey takers' contribution (10/15)
- Submitted Periodic Financial Report, Periodic Performance Report, and quarterly narrative report to the Illinois EPA surrounding the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) (10/15)
- Met with the Board of Directors of the Carbondale Community Housing NFP through a special meeting to discuss and vote on partnership in submission and execution of the Community Change Grant (10/15)
- Began weekly check-ins with Raphael Kasen of Endyna to support first draft development of the Community Change Grant application (10/16)
- Held October 17th Sustainability Commission meeting (10/17)
- Met for a check in with Gregory Norris regarding the CEJA Workforce Hub to be in Carbondale (10/18)

- Attended ICLEI's "Insights and Exchange: Subnational Actors in a U.S. Low Emissions Scenario" (10/18)
- Held 10/21 Communities LEAP meeting, during which the Cohort heard two requests for technical assistance: 1) SIU Facilities and Energy Management's request for TA to conduct a feasibility study surrounding campus geothermal, and 2) The City of Carbondale's request for TA to conduct a feasibility study surrounding the retrofit of municipal buildings to net zero energy. The LEAP Cohort voted to dedicate TA to both requests. (10/21)
- Coordinated the release of the Urban Flooding Survey (10/22)
- Met with the Endyna Budget and Finance subject matter expert (SME) (10/14)
- Held check-in with Lawyers for Good Government (L4GG) regarding the Elective Pay Provision Investment Tax Credit to be claimed post construction of the Southern Illinois Multimodal Station (SIMMS) alongside Mark Bollmann and Jeff Davis (10/24)
- Attended meeting between NREL Geothermal SME and SIU FEM colleague Justin Harrell (10/25)
- Met with Project Scheduling SME and Grant Writing SME with Endyna (10/28)
- Held check in with Raphael Kasen (10/28)
- Hosted first exhibit-style Public Engagement Session for the Stormwater Master Plan at the Eurma Hayes Center (10/30)
- Completed extensive first draft of the Community Change Grant and submitted it for review to the Endyna Technical Assistance team (10/31)



2024 Calendar – Regular meetings
CARBONDALE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Third Thursday of Every Month - 5:00PM
Carbondale Civic Center, 200 South Illinois Avenue

January 18th, 2024

July 18th, 2024

February 15th, 2024

August 15th, 2024

March 21st, 2024

September 19th, 2024

April 18th, 2024

October 17th, 2024

May 16th, 2024

November 21st, 2024

June 20th, 2024

December 19th, 2024