



CARBONDALE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Thursday December 19th, 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:** November 21st, 2024
- 3. Citizen Comments and Questions**
- 4. Presentations**
- 5. Report of Officers, Committees, and Communications**
 - a. Subcommittee Reports
 - b. Sustainability Coordinator Monthly Progress Report (L. Becker, attached)
 - c. Former Koppers Wood Treatment Site Report (A. Beck)
- 6. Old Business**
- 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:

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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		

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City Staff:

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Lauren Becker (Staff Liaison)	x	

Community Members Present: Ana Moroz, Liz Dudeck

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call (5:04pm)**
- 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes:** October 17th, 2024 J. Cogie moved, J. Davis seconded
- 3. Citizen Comments and Questions**

L. Dudeck expressed interest in “getting plugged back in” to the sustainability space.

A. Moroz expressed concern over the noise pollution at the North Washington Street parking lot. J. Davis recommended communicating directly with Interim City Manager and Chief of Police Stan Reno.

- 4. Presentations (None)**

- 5. Report of Officers, Committees, and Communications**

- Subcommittee Report (S. Heyer)

- J. Davis summarized the subcommittee meeting held at the Coop in line with the Open Meetings Act.
- Discussion was held on how to be more effective as commission members.
- Discussion was held excitement to focus volunteer efforts on personal interests.
- Discussion was held on the importance of formalizing this change in the way commission

members approach their role.

- Chair Treesong passed around a paper for commission members to express their areas of personal interest, based on the four focus areas of the Sustainability Action Plan.
 - Discussion was held on the importance of action.
- b. Sustainability Coordinator Monthly Progress Report (L. Becker, attached)
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6. Old Business

7. New Business

Vote to create “focus areas” for commission members to increase action and agency. (J. Davis moved, J. Cogie seconded, Chair Treesong ensured unanimous consent.)

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

- Chair Treesong led discussion, unanimous agreement from commissioners that the service of A. Moroz as a John A. Logan student would be valuable.
- Discussion was held about the necessity of expanding the number of commission members, given that the bylaws do not require the student members to be from SIU and CCHS.
- General consensus that expanding the commission membership would not be necessary, given that it may limit the commission’s ability to meet in the future if unable to achieve quorum.

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

Vote regarding Annual Calendar of Meetings (Liaison Becker) (G. Klam moved, J. Davis seconded)

8. Announcements

9. Adjournment (6:12pm, J. Davis moved, J. Cogie seconded)

The following will serve as my Sustainability Coordinator report of progress for the month of November 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 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:

- Met with Larry Susskind at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and Consensus Building Institute to discuss the Energy Sovereignty Proposal (11/1)
- Held updates meeting with Pleiades Strategy (11/1)
- Attended EFG TA Program Kickoff (11/4)
- Attended Carbondale & CEJA Conversation with Francisco Lopez Zavala (11/4)
- Submitted Community Change Grant partnership letter on Boarddocs (11/6)
- Met with Alex Kate Halvey at the Department of Energy to discuss the Energy Sovereignty Proposal (11/6)
- Checked in with Gayle Klam at Common Grounds (11/7)
- Volunteered at the Annual Pumpkin Smash (11/9)
- Made amendments to first submission of Community Change Grant application to technical assistance provider EnDyna (11/13)
- Coordinated the children's sensory exercise space for the PLAN Carbondale Big Ideas Workshop (11/13)
- Held community consultation on the Energy Sovereignty Proposal with Jessica Allee, Planning Commission member (11/14)
- Submitted Community Change Grant to Grants.gov (11/15)
- Attended official kick-off meeting with Pleiades Strategy (11/15)
- Met with Markian J Dobczansky of the University of Illinois European Union Center to discuss the Energy Sovereignty Proposal and request to participate in the European Union Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities mission at the Illini Center in Chicago this February (11/15)
- Attended pre-departure orientation for Indonesia, U.S. State Department Exchange (11/18)
- Attended final meeting with Fernanda Estrada for the Ameren Community Engagement Program (11/19)
- Attended Energy Future Grants Community Engagement and Foundational Best Practices Workshop (11/19)
- Served as guest presenter for the State of Illinois' Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Session "Energy Planning Basics" (11/20)

- Attended Energy Future Grants Community Engagement and Foundational Best Practices Workshop Day Two (11/20)
- Coordinated meeting between Robert Hardin of Public Works and Dr. Ajay Kalra of SIU Engineering to discuss service on the Comprehensive Stormwater Master Plan (11/21)
- Held 11/21 Sustainability Commission meeting
- Attended check-in with Pleiades Strategy (11/22)
- Attended check-in with Scott Carron of NREL (11/22)
- Submitted annual Mayor's Monarch Pledge Report (11/25)
- Engaged in introduction to EFG TA provider, Rocky Mountain Institute (11/25)
- Attended kick off meeting for the State of the City Address (11/25)