



## **CARBONDALE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION**

Thursday February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - 5:00PM

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

### **AGENDA**

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**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

**2. Approval of Meeting Minutes:** January 16<sup>th</sup> 2025

**3. Citizen Comments and Questions**

**4. Presentations**

Illinois Solar for All Bright Neighborhoods Presentation | Alexandria Cedergren & Kristen Culp

**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**

Open Meetings Act (OMA) Training (Holiday Tree Ornaments)

<https://illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/open-and-honest-government/pac/pac-training/>

**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 |
|------------------------------|---------|--------|
| LaCajie Hill (Councilmember) |         |        |

City Staff:

|                               | Present | Absent |
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| Lauren Becker (Staff Liaison) |         |        |

Community Members Present:



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### MINUTES

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#### Voting Members:

|                          | Present | Absent | Comment |
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| Treesong (Chair)         | x       |        |         |
| Aur Beck (Vice Chair)    |         | x      | Excused |
| Jane Cogie               | x       |        |         |
| Kevin Clark              | x       |        |         |
| Sarah Heyer              | x       |        |         |
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#### Community Members:

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call** (5:08pm)
2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 and December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024
3. **Citizen Comments and Questions** (None)
4. **Presentations** (None)
5. **Report of Officers, Committees, and Communications**
  - a. Subcommittee Reports
    - i. Nature/Green: J. Davis reported she was voted onto the KCB Board and Evergreen Garden Club board. J. Davis reports she intends to work with all three groups to leverage what is already being done with particular interest in: 1) Garden Walk, 2) Spring Networking/Educational Event, and 3) April At the Table Dinner & Dialogue.
  - b. Sustainability Coordinator Monthly Progress Report (L. Becker, attached)
  - c. Former Koppers Wood Treatment Site Report (A. Beck)
6. **Old Business** (None)

7. **New Business** (None)

8. **Announcements**

April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 is the Third Annual Ecofestival – April Bartnick, the organizer, is seeking volunteers.

9. **Adjournment** (6:08pm J. Davis motioned, J. Cogie seconded)

Unapproved

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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
- Conducted final exit check-in with Fall 2024 Master's Student Intern, Hannah Weber
- Continued regular Stormwater Planning meetings with Greater Egypt Regional Planning Commission

Chronological:

- Coordinated the first batch of Pleiades' interviews with stakeholders regarding the Energy Sovereignty Proposal. (12/2/2024)
- Collaborated with the Jackson County Health Department and Public Works colleagues to submit a Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling (SWIFR) grant that would fund the creation of a City of Carbondale Green Waste Site, with potential for expansion to serve as a row composting site.
- Served as a Professional Fellow through the U.S. Department of State YSEALI Program, traveling to Bali, Indonesia as a representative of the City of Carbondale and our Energy Sovereignty Proposal. During this time I presented to the Balinese Government, Private Sector, and Not-for-profit Sector on the Energy Sovereignty, Security & Democracy Proposal. (12/4 – 12/14)
- Participated in the 12/16 Communities LEAP Monthly Team Meeting (12/16)
- Served as one of the staff speakers for the State of the City Address, representing the Community Development Department (12/17)
- Gathered and submitted energy bill data to NREL Technical Assistance providers (12/17)
- Held the Stormwater Master Plan prize drawing and notified winners (12/18)
- Met with NREL TA to discuss Braiding and Stacking Resources Insights (12/18)
- Attended C-LEAP Geothermal HVAC tag-up (12/19)
- Held 12/19 Sustainability Commission meeting (12/19)
- Met with Amanda and Paul of NREL regarding City energy data gathered and ENERGYSTAR benchmarking (12/20)
- Attended preliminary budget chat w/ Molly (12/20)
- Met with Pleiades Strategy (12/20)

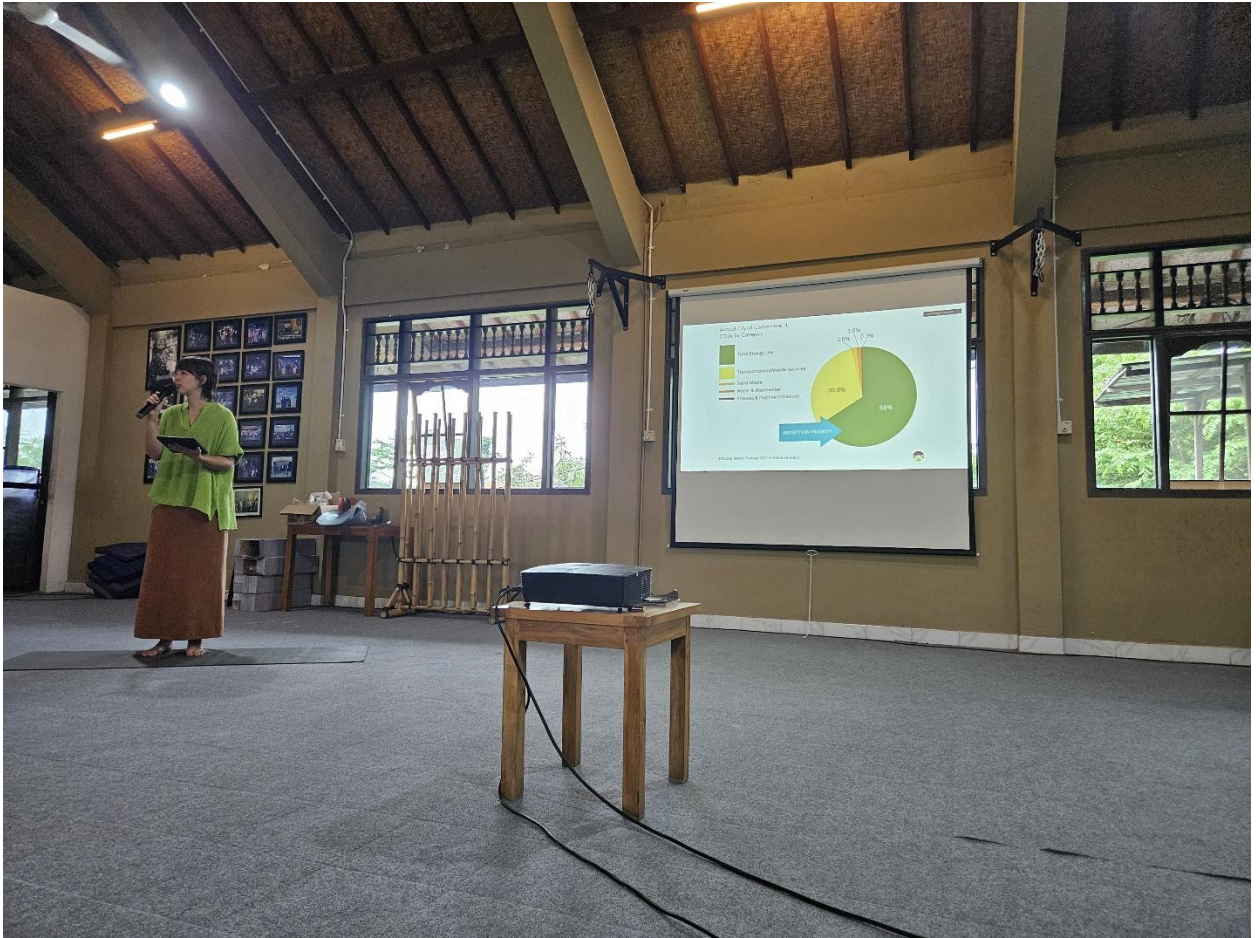
















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- Continued C-LEAP Net-Zero Energy Buildings Data Check-ins
- Continued regular Pleiades Strategy Check-ins

Chronological:

- Met with Energy Future Grant (EFG) Grant Manager Bri Farber (1/7)
- Attended the Energy Future Grant Power and Resilience Cohort Workshop 1 (1/8)
- Attended Energy Future Grant Sustainable Capital Advisors (SCA) Kick off Call (1/9)
- Attended the Southern Illinois Farming Alliance Conference (1/14)
- Submitted Period Financial Report, Narrative Performance Report, and Periodic Performance Report for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) (1/15)
- Attended the Municipal Investment Fund Application Overview and Process Webinar (1/15)
- Attended C-LEAP 2 Monthly Planning Meeting (1/15)
- Invited Shawn Freeman, JAX Mass Transit District Director to speak at February C-LEAP Meeting (1/15)
- Attended Greater Egypt Regional Planning Commission/SIU Engineering meeting (1/16)
- Hosted January 16<sup>th</sup> Sustainability Commission Meeting
- Hosted EFG Phase 1 Check In (1/17)
- Advertised the Illinois EPA EV Rebate Program availability (1/21)
- Attended C-LEAP 2 Monthly Planning Meeting (1/21)
- Participated in "Notify Me" training with Krysty Gray (1/21)
- Hosted Energy Sovereignty Proposal Thought Leadership Team Meeting (1/23)
- Attended "Best Practices in Planning for Large-Scale Solar" hosted by the APA (1/23)
- Met with Rebecca Sanders of the Illinois Clean Energy Jobs & Justice Fund, Kevin Clark, and Mike Carr of the Community Housing Trust regarding the Municipal Investment Fund through the Coalition for Green Capital (1/24)
- Attended the Community Infrastructure Fund (CIF) Workshop (DRA) (1/28)
- Followed up with Rebecca Sanders regarding the MIF (1/29)
- Met with Elaine Hoyle of Finance to submit invoice to NREL for C-LEAP 2 (1/29)
- Met with Nestor Perez of Lawyers for Good Government to confirm submission to IRS/Treasury for SIMMS low income communities bonus credit application (1/29)
- Coordinated meeting between Jamie Snyder, Joe DeMond, and Solstice Community Solar (1/30)
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- Followed up with Rebecca Sanders regarding the MIF (1/31)
- Met with Ray Daffner of the Green Bank for Rural America regarding the Energy Sovereignty Proposal (1/31)