



CARBONDALE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Thursday April 20th, 2023 - 5:00PM

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

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** March 16th, 2023
3. **Citizen Comments and Questions**
4. **Presentations**
 - a. Onboarding our newest commission member – Welcome Joan Davis!
 - i. Introductions all around (Name & why you joined the commission)
 - b. Energy Sovereignty, Security, & Democracy (L. Becker)
5. **Report of Officers, Committees, and Communications**
 - a. Sustainability Coordinator Monthly Progress Report (L. Becker, attached)
 - b. Federal, State, and Local Policy Landscape Report (J. Cogie)
 - c. Former Koppers Wood Treatment Site Report (A. Beck)
6. **Old Business**
7. **New Business**

Conduct Annual Vote on Chair & Vice-Chair
8. **Announcements**
9. **Adjournment**

Voting Members:

	Present	Absent	Comment
Aur Beck (Chair)			
Jane Cogie			
Kevin Clark			
Sarah Heyer			
Yoonseo Jung (Student)			
Isaac Ludington (Student)			
Treesong			
Gayle Klam			
Joan Davis			

Ex Officio Members:

	Present	Absent
Tom Grant (City Councilmember)		

City Staff:

	Present	Absent
Lauren Becker (Staff Liaison)		

Community Members Present:



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MINUTES

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Aur Beck (Chair)	x		
Jane Cogie	x		
Kevin Clark	x		
Sarah Heyer	x		
Yoonseo Jung (Student)	x		
Isaac Ludington (Student)	x		
Treesong	x		
Gayle Klam	x		

Ex Officio Members:

	Present	Absent
Tom Grant (City Councilmember)		x

City Staff:

	Present	Absent
Lauren Becker (Staff Liaison)	x	

Community Members Present:

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call (5:00pm)**
2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** February 16th, 2023 (J. Cogie moved, K. Clark seconded. Chair Beck ensured unanimous consent)
3. **Citizen Comments and Questions**
4. **Presentations**
 - a. Tidying loose ends: Aligning City-wide Commission Bylaws with current C.C.R.C. (City of Carbondale Revised Code) w/ City Clerk Jennifer Sorrell
 - i. Clerk Sorrell shared and S. Heyer seconded that these bylaws were amended, viewed by Sustainability Commission, and passed through City Council in January 2022, but somehow the Sustainability Commission did not have the opportunity to vote on them formally due to the pandemic and staff turnover. The Bylaws must be adopted first and then can be amended as needed.
 - b. Preparing for Annual Vote on Chair & Vice-Chair (April 2023)
 - i. Liaison Becker shared that the April meeting will feature nominations and a vote on the positions of Sustainability Commission Chair and Vice Chair

- ii. Chair Beck offers that being Chair is a lot easier now that there is a staff liaison. “Essentially run the meeting. Herd the cats as they say.” As well as “Come prepared, don’t vote on conflicts of interest.”
- iii. The floor will be open to nominations, those nominated must accept the nomination.

5. Report of Officers, Committees, and Communications

- a. Sustainability Coordinator Monthly Progress Report (L. Becker, attached)
 - i. City of Carbondale has been awarded Phase 1 Energy Communities Transition Grant funding, pending award of Phase 2 – Headed up by Economic Development
- b. Federal, State, and Local Policy Landscape Report (J. Cogie, attached)
- c. Former Koppers Wood Treatment Site Report (A. Beck)

6. Old Business

Earth Day Proclamation:

- S. Heyer moved to approve the Earth Day Proclamation
 - K. Clark seconded
- Chair Beck ensured unanimous consent

7. New Business

Sustainability Commission Bylaws:

- S. Heyer moved to adopt the proposed bylaws with the correction of “energy” to “sustainability” in SECTION 2 Purpose as suggested by Treesong J. Cogie seconded, Chair Beck ensured unanimous consent

8. Announcements

- S. Heyer expressed interest in establishing a no-mow April for Southern Illinois, Liaison Becker shared that a “weed inspector” is strategically not hired until May
- Chair Beck – Humane Society fundraiser Saturday with spaghetti and no nut brownies
- S. Heyer expressed interest in water bottle filling stations across the community, can we help the Park District?
- Liaison Becker shared the Earth Month 2023 Calendar of Events (it’s live!) that was developed in collaboration with SIU Student Affairs and community entities
- S. Heyer reminded everyone of the April 4th Election

9. Adjournment (6:00pm G. Klam moved to adjourn, Treesong seconded. Chair Beck ensured unanimous consent.)

Good afternoon everyone,

The following will serve as my Sustainability Coordinator report of progress for the month of March 2023. As always please don't hesitate to reach out with questions and comments.

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 6. City Sustainability Commission
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1. Broad Updates
 - Continued regular check-ins with Wade Halva, Faith in Place
 - Continued regular check-ins with Justin Harrell, SIU Facilities & Energy Maintenance
 - Continued bi-weekly check ins with student intern Courtney McGowan, SIUC
 - Developed and released the collaborative Earth Month 2023 calendar of events in partnership with SIU Student Affairs and community stakeholders
 - Met with Richard Proffer of Illinois Extension to discuss stakeholder engagement strategies for comprehensive planning
 - Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB) Program Introduction – Scope & Need 3/13
 - Met with Elicia Moore, the new Executive Director of the LEAF Hub 3/15
 - Checked in with Jane Cogie 3/17
 - Began Southern Illinois Multimodal Station Energy Efficiency consult through Ameren incentive contractor Willdan 3/23
 2. Energy Sovereignty, Security, & Democracy Proposal
 - Submitted presentation to the Illinois Basin Funding Review Board 3/3
 - Attended the Illinois Finance Authority/Illinois Climate Bank Small Group Stakeholder Meeting 3/3
 - Presented to the Illinois Basin Funding Review Board 3/7
 - Attended the USDA sponsored Illinois Basin Funding Review Board granting workshops 3/8
 - Underwent Lawyers for Good Government clinic interview 3/9
 - Met with Brad Housewright of Edelen Renewables 3/10
 - Attended the Inflation Reduction Act & Leaders of Public Power Utilities 3/10
 - Met with Kim Watson, Senior Account Manager of the IL DCEO regarding IBFR presentation 3/13
 - Attended IFA/Illinois Climate Bank Public Hearing 3/14
 - Attended IFA/Illinois Climate Bank Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Fund Ideas Workshop
 - Met with Uneva Group 3/15
 - Met with Scott Allen, Citizens' Utility Board (CUB) to discuss energy sovereignty proposal 3/16
 - Attended "What the Inflation Reduction Act Means for Energy Communities" 3/20
 - Met with Eric DeBellis and Laura Loyd, CUB legal team to discuss legal insight regarding energy sovereignty 3/21

- OCED ERA Technical Assistance Intake Call 3/22
 - Conducted introductory call w/ Southern Illinois Power Cooperative President Don Gulley 3/22
 - Received Cooperatives 101 Presentation from Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association President Shane Hermetz 3/24
 - Attended the Energy Transition Community Grant Program – Phase 2 Webinar 3/28
 - Attended DOE OCED Energy Improvements in Rural or Remote Areas Funding Opportunity Announcement – Informational Webinar 3/29
 - Attended Midwest Climate Collaborative Q&A session on the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants offered by the US EPA 3/29
 - Attended first Technical Assistance session through the National Renewable Energy Lab (NREL) surrounding the OCED ERA Concept Paper 3/29
 - Met with Village of Dowell team members Jan Phillips, Debi Gresham, Mindy, and Jackson County Resource Coordinator Anthony Henson to discuss energy needs 3/29
3. GHG Emissions Tracking & Reporting (ICLEI ClearPath)
- Received permission from the City Manager to proceed with the QAQC (quality assurance check) without data from Canadian National. This QAQC is performed in collaboration with ICLEI. From there I'll conduct a "business-as-usual" forecast that will allow me to pose the impact of mitigation and adaptation strategies. When these forecasts are complete, I will bring the inventory into a formal report to be presented to our Sustainability Commission and City Council.
4. Community Gardens Code Review & Revision
- Received directive from City Council to initiate text amendments to Title 15 and Title 11 surrounding community gardens 3/28
 - Finalized staff recommendation for community gardens text amendment to Title 15
5. Pollinator Yards Pilot Program (PYPP); University of IL Extension partnership
- Shared final deliverables with Extension to support virtual module - pending audio translation of the City of Carbondale outro in Spanish 3/1
 - Completed the Mayors' Monarch Pledge on behalf of the City of Carbondale
 - Received directive from City Council to initiate text amendments to Title 15 and Title 11 surrounding pollinator-supportive landscape 3/28
 - Finalized staff recommendation for pollinator-supportive landscape text amendment to Title 15 and Title 11
6. City Sustainability Commission
- Held 3/16 meeting during which the Sustainability Commission Bylaws were updated
 - Provided onboarding materials to newly appointed Sustainability Commission member Joan Davis
7. Jackson County Communities LEAP Pilot Program
- Met 3/2, 3/16, 3/30
 - Received a presentation from specialists with the National Renewable Energy Lab (NREL) on Agrivoltaics Best Practices for consideration.