

**CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION
City Council Chambers
Tuesday, June 5, 2012**

Commissioners Present: Chairperson Marya Ryan [phoned in], Vice Chair Stephen Wald, Gary Cziko, John Marlin, Todd Rusk, Aaron Petri, Rachel Vellenga

Staff Present: Robert Myers, Kate Brickman

Additional Present: Aditi Kambuj

Call to Order, Roll Call, and Declaration of Quorum

With Ms. Ryan not present in person, Mr. Wald chaired the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Kate Brickman called the roll and a quorum was present.

Changes to the Agenda

Ms. Ryan submitted that discussion of the rescheduling of the July meeting be added under New Business.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

A motion was made by Ms. Vellenga, second by Mr. Petri, to approve the minutes from the May 1, 2012 meeting. Motion carried.

Public Input

There was no input from members of the public.

Communications

Robert Myers provided an update on the City's Environmental and Sustainability Manager position vacancy.

Continuing Business

Discussion of Climate Action Plan (CAP) Phase I Draft

Community Development intern Aditi Kambuj guided SAC through a reformatted and revised version of the updated CAP.

Discussion and questions ensued. Areas of concern included the following:

- Highlighting the role of SAC in the creation of this document;
- Consistencies and discrepancies with numbers;
- Emphasizing how the goals overlap in promotion of sustainability;
- Defining content and timeline for each phase;
- Making actions and impacts more relevant and specific to the local community;

- Meeting the challenge of tracking results and providing accountability;
- Moving information not relevant to the heart of the issue to the appendix;
- Acknowledging Urbana's portion of the University's energy use.

Aditi Kambuj indicated that a rewrite and incorporation of discussion elements would be provided to SAC by the next meeting in July. Additionally, she asked that SAC continue to contribute to any information gaps still left to be fleshed out.

Robert Meyers added that ideally the final draft would be presented for public input prior to City Council presentation. Discussion followed regarding various tactics for gathering additional feedback and to better articulate public comments from previous stages in the creation of this document.

New Business

SAC discussed moving the next working meeting from the regularly scheduled date of Tuesday, July 3rd to Tuesday, July 10th. The next meeting will be a 3-hour work session. Ms. Brickman will look into making the arrangements and contact members.

Announcements

Mr. Wald reported that at the workshop following the Majora Carter keynote address for the University of Illinois Earth Week activities on Thursday, April 19th there were small group discussions dealing with pursuing interest in local climate offset projects.

Mr. Rusk encouraged SAC to be aware that the landfill in Clinton, Illinois is currently approved to accept certain toxic materials and that there is growing controversy in the area because of the potential for groundwater and aquifer contamination.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

This meeting was recorded.