

**CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION
Council Chambers
Tuesday, February 11, 2014**

Commissioners Present: Chairperson Marya Ryan, Vice Chair Stephen Wald, Amelia Neptune Todd Rusk, Rachel Vellenga, Ryan Wolber

Commissioners Absent: Brian Sproul

Staff Present: Scott Tess, Kate Brickman

Call to Order, Roll Call, and Declaration of Quorum

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. Kate Brickman called the roll and a quorum was present.

Ms. Ryan expressed her thanks on behalf of the Commission to Amelia Neptune for her service to SAC and wished her well in her new endeavors.

Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Motion was made by Ms. Vellenga, second by Mr. Wald, to approve the minutes from the December 10, 2013 meeting. Motion carried.

Public Input

Carol McKusick, 1907 N. Cunningham, addressed the commission regarding the online publishing of U•Cycle contracts before renewal dates, the possibility publishing questions from the public and responses from the City on the topic of the Open Meetings Act, and municipal aggregation.

Communications

Staff Report

Scott Tess gave the monthly Staff Report that included updates on the potential for action on area brownfield sites, various Goals and Actions from the Climate Action Plan and the Sustainable Water Management Plan and information regarding a carpet recycling service. Tess also provided handouts detailing an internal hazardous waste management site review performed by the Illinois Sustainable Technology Center.

The Report noted March 4 as the next meeting date. Meeting dates were then established for the remainder of the year as follows: April 1, May 6, June 3, July 1, August 5, September 2, October 7, November 4, and December 2.

Presentation by Mike Brunk, Urbana City Arborist, regarding Legacy Tree Program

Mike Brunk gave a presentation on Urbana's Arbor program, tree inventory, and the Legacy Tree Program, a program created to recognize and preserve the community's most notable trees. Brunk described the program goals, the process of nomination, and designation criteria. The viability of the Sim Hackberry located at 310 S. Coler as a legacy tree was discussed.

Continuing Business

Climate Adaptation pursuant to the Climate Action Plan – Presentation by Molly Woloszyn, Midwest Regional Climate Center

Molly Woloszyn, Extension Climatologist with the Midwestern Regional Climate Center and Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant, presented a slide show that discussed local climate change impacts for Central Illinois. Woloszyn focused on the topics of temperature, precipitation, extreme precipitation, plant hardiness zones, and free-thaw events.

New Business

There was no new business to address.

Announcements

Scott Tess announced a public input meeting for the Bike Urbana Master Plan Update at the Urbana Civic Center from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 12.

Amelia Neptune announced the third annual Illinois Bike Summit at the I-Hotel, 1900 S. First Street, Champaign on Tuesday, April 15, 2014.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

This meeting was recorded.