

**CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS  
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION  
Council Chambers  
Tuesday, March 4, 2014**

**Commissioners Present:** Chairperson Marya Ryan, Vice Chair Stephen Wald, Bart Bartels, Todd Rusk, Brian Sproul, Rachel Vellenga, Ryan Wolber

**Staff Present:** Scott Tess

**Call to Order, Roll Call, and Declaration of Quorum**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Scott Tess called the roll and a quorum was present.

Ms. Ryan welcomed new commissioners Brian Sproul and Bart Bartels.

**Changes to the Agenda**

There were no changes to the agenda.

**Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting**

Motion was made by Mr. Wald, second by Ms. Vellenga, to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2014 meeting. Motion carried.

**Public Input**

There was no public input.

**Communications**

***Staff Report***

Scott Tess gave the monthly Staff Report that included updates on various Goals and Actions from the Climate Action Plan and the Sustainable Water Management Plan and a work plan for the remainder of the year. The report also noted that Urbana is participating in a test pilot energy management software with the Smart Energy Design Assistance Center.

Tess also provided handouts detailing a commercial energy efficiency survey conducted by the City and a report on transportation behaviors commissioned by the Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District.

The Report noted April 1 as the next meeting date.

**Continuing Business**

***Climate Adaptation pursuant to the Climate Action Plan – Presentation by Steve Wegman, Senior Engineer, Illinois American Water***

Steve Wegman, Senior Engineer with Illinois American Water presented a slide show that discussed climate change projections and the potential water utility impacts for Central Illinois.

Wegman also commented on the company's Climate Resiliency Action Plan and Operational Risk Center. Some items covered included evaluating available options for mitigation and adaptation, projecting future needs, and identifying capital projects.

***Climate Adaptation pursuant to the Climate Action Plan – Presentation by William Gray, Director, City of Urbana Public Works Department***

Bill Gray, Director at the City of Urbana Public Works Department, provided his observations concerning climate impacts on the Department in the future. He noted the potential of extreme challenges regarding employee work production, roadway longevity, flood abatement in the storm and sanitary sewer systems, urban forest mortality rates, and material availability. Gray indicated the need to revisit engineering design standards and many master plans.

**New Business**

***Draft Council Goals***

Commissioners were provided a copy of the Draft Council Goals and were invited to enter recommendations into the public comment. Following from Bill Gray's presentation, Marya Ryan put forward the recommendation to add an assessment of green and gray infrastructure needs related to climate change adaptation. Rachel Vellenga made a formal motion as follows:

*“I move that we make that suggestion.”*

Ryan Wolber seconded and the motion carried.

**Announcements**

There were no announcements.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

This meeting was recorded.