CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION

Council Chambers, Urbana City Building Tuesday, September 12, 2017

Commissioners Present: Chairperson Stacy Gloss, Dustin Allred, Beth Meschewski, Todd Rusk, Andrew Stumpf, Morgan White

Staff Present: Scott Tess, Kathryn Levy

Additional Present: Marcus Ricci, Community Development

Call to Order, Roll Call, and Declaration of Quorum

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Stacy Gloss. Kathryn Levy called the roll and a quorum was present.

Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Mr. Rusk, second by Ms. Meschewski, to approve the minutes from the June 6, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Rusk, second by Mr. Allred, to approve the minutes from the July 11, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

Public Input

David Monk, Champaign, spoke of the potential for restoration of the prairie environment along the Olympian Drive project roadway.

Communications

Staff Report

Scott Tess gave the monthly Staff Report which included progress on the Climate Action Plan (CAP) Phase 2, highlighting an investment grade energy audit, updates on Solar Urbana-Champaign and the Property Assessed Clean Energy bill, RFQ's for a Landfill Solar Developer and a Community Crowdfunded Wind Energy Developer, and involvement in a Sierra Club-hosted Clean Energy Town Hall.

Additionally, Tess noted his invitation to participate in the 23rd Conference of Parties (COP23) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Bonn, Germany in November as a member of 350.org and ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability People's Delegation.

Associated with the Sustainable Water Management Plan, Tess discussed the Midwest Grows Green Natural Lawn Care Program kickoff.

Related to U-Cycle, several participatory events were mentioned as well as updates on electronics legislation and household hazardous waste.

The Report stated October 3, 2017 as the next meeting date.

Continuing Business

There was no continuing business.

New Business

Landfill Renewables

Scott Tess informed Commission members that he has advertised a Request for Qualification's for a Landfill Solar Developer and a Request for Qualification's for a Community Crowdfunded Wind Energy Developer. Both projects could benefit the community environmentally (in being an off taker of renewable energy generated) and financially (from tax and lease payment revenues).

Discussion ensued.

Commission Outreach Activities

Members continued discussion of possible outreach activities with which to engage the community. Suggestions included an information booth at Urbana's Market at the Square, a film and speaker series, and invitation to youth organizations for collaboration.

Announcements

Ms. Meschewski announced that the Dart Corporation in Urbana is accepting #6 Styrofoam for recycling drop-off at their shipping department entrance.

Chairperson Gloss read the announcement provided in the Agenda:

- September 5, 8:00 a.m., Registration for October Electronics Recycling Event http://ecycle.simplybook.me/sheduler/manage/event/1/unit/1
- September 16, 10:00 a.m. Noon, Urbana City Building South Lawn Midwest Grows Green Natural Lawn Care Program bit.ly/MGGsept16
- September 16, 2:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m., 401 S. Vine St. Urbana, IL Urbana Drive Electric Fair https://driveelectricweek.org/event.php?eventid=967

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

This meeting was recorded.