CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION

Council Chambers, Urbana City Building Tuesday, October 9, 2018

Commissioners Present: Chairperson Stacy Gloss, Dustin Allred, Claire Johnson, Todd Rusk, Morgan White, Tesfaye Wolde-Medhin

Commissioners Absent: Andrew Stumpf, Maddy Garbacz

Staff Present: Scott Tess, Amanda Flores

Call to Order, Roll Call, and Declaration of Quorum

Chairperson Stacy Gloss called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Amanda Flores 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 Ms. White, second by Ms. Johnson, to approve the minutes from the September 4, 2018 meeting. Motion carried.

Public Input

There was no Public Input.

Communications

Staff Report

Scott Tess gave the monthly Staff Report which included an update on the benchmarks reached for the Solar Urbana-Champaign 3.0 triggering the third 1% discount, continued negotiation with Sunpower for solar array development on the Urbana Landfill, a discussion with Ameren's public sector energy efficiency program for a custom street light retrofit incentive project, and output and results from the Midwest Grows Green program was shared.

Additionally, the body was updated on Staff's participation in the Pymalion Hackathon that yielded discovery of new insights, and garnered interest for participation in future events.

A couple of U-Cycle events are set for the months of October and November. Staff is working with the Illinois Product Stewardship Council to develop product priorities scope for 2019. Todd Rusk proposed that an agenda item to discuss the commission's take on a legislative position on plastics be added for the next meeting.

The Report stated that November 6, 2018 as the next meeting date, to be held at the Executive Conference Room due to elections.

Update on Youth Sustainability Summit

Chair Stacy Gloss passed the chair to Dustin Allred so she could give an update on the Youth Sustainability Summit. Ms. Gloss shared that registration was still open for the summit and opened the floor for discussion on how to get more of the target audience to register for the event. A member of the public in attendance, Hallie Saperstein, suggested ways to maximize Instagram presence by using Live Stories. Staff Amanda Flores pointed out that there were only 4 followers on the existing page and suggested using hashtags to get more eyes on the page. Ms. Gloss reminded the body that the Summit was born out of the students' desire for meaningful volunteer activities. Ms. White suggested that each member of the commission share ideas on how to generate more registrants, and discussion ensued. After the discussion, Ms. Gloss took the chair back from Mr. Allred.

Announcements

Mr. Tess shared two upcoming events including the Youth Sustainability Summit and a talk on Confronting the Challenges of Climate Change. Ms. White also added an announcement about the Dockless Bikes. She shared that over 65k rides and 27k miles have been ridden since the launch of this program. Ms. White proposed that this be an agenda item topic for the next meeting.

Old Business

There was no old business.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

This meeting was recorded.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Flores Recording Secretary