

CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION
Council Chambers, Urbana City Building
Tuesday, October 3, 2017

Commissioners Present: Chairperson Stacy Gloss, Dustin Allred, Claire Johnson, Beth Meschewski, Andrew Stumpf, Morgan White

Staff Present: Scott Tess

Absent: Todd Rusk, 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. Chairperson Gloss welcomed new Commission member Claire Johnson.

Scott Tess called the roll and a quorum was present.

Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the September 12, 2017 meeting will be forwarded to the next meeting for approval.

Public Input

Rebecca Laurent and Nathan Poulosky, both University of Illinois students, spoke on the iMatter organization which promotes youth leadership training and empowerment to address the climate crisis at the grassroots level. They are looking for endorsement to present a resolution to Council regarding carbon neutrality by the year 2040.

Communications

Staff Report

Scott Tess gave the monthly Staff Report which included progress on the Climate Action Plan (CAP) Phase 2 highlighting the Urbana Drive Electric Fair, participation in an Institute for Sustainability, Energy, and the Environment planning meeting, and an update concerning the crowdfunding campaign to send delegates to the 23rd Conference of Parties (COP23) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Bonn, Germany in November.

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

Staff noted participation in several public engagement activities.

The Report stated November 7, 2017 as the next meeting date.

Recycling in Urbana

Courtney Kwong, Recycling Coordinator for the City of Urbana, gave a presentation on Urbana's Recycling Program U-Cycle. Areas covered were background, projects, and future goals.

A member of the public asked about wear and tear on City streets caused by recycling and waste haulers.

Discussion ensued.

Continuing Business

There was no continuing business.

New Business

Recycling Discussion

Ms. Meschewski and Ms. White led a discussion concerning recycling of expanded polystyrene in the community. Courtney Kwong and Scott Tess contributed information regarding the feasibility and barriers to doing so through City services.

Discussion ensued.

Announcements

Ms. White announced the University of Illinois Campus Sustainability Day on October 25 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Alice Campbell Alumni Center.

Ms. Meschewski announced a webinar on October 5 at noon on what plastic producers are doing to prevent plastic marine debris.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

This meeting was recorded.