

CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION
Council Chambers, Urbana City Building
Tuesday, June 6, 2017

Commissioners Present: Chairperson Marya Ryan (via telephone), Acting Chair Stacy Gloss, Morgan Johnston, Beth Meschewski, Todd Rusk, Andrew Stumpf

Commissioners Absent: Vice Chair Stephen Wald

Staff Present: Scott Tess, Kathryn Levy

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 Ms. Johnston, second by Mr. Stumpf, to approve the minutes from the May 2, 2017 meetings. Motion carried.

Public Input

Stuart Levy, Urbana, spoke to the Commission regarding the Future Energy Jobs Bill, the potential for a community solar field, and the Mayor's Climate Action Plan.

Ms. Johnson suggested placing further discussion of a community solar project on the next agenda.

Communications

Staff Report

Scott Tess gave the monthly Staff Report which included progress on the Climate Action Plan (CAP) Phase 2, highlighting the Guaranteed Energy Savings Project, an update on Solar Urbana-Champaign and the Property Assessed Clean Energy bill.

Related to Public Engagement, Tess noted staff participation at various community events over the last month.

Associated with the Sustainable Water Management Plan, Tess discussed a planned tour of green infrastructure and pollinator plant installations in collaboration with the Champaign County Sustainability Network.

Additionally, various U-Cycle activities including the most recent Electronics Recycling Event and work with the Illinois Product Stewardship Council were mentioned.

The Report stated July 11, 2017 as the next meeting date.

Capital Improvement Plan Presentation

Brad Bennett, Assistant City Engineer for Drainage and Development, gave a presentation on the most recent City of Urbana Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Update. He relayed that the CIP is a 5-year infrastructure planning document that uses funding from several different sources.

Bennett spoke of cash flow projections, recommended projects, schedules, and challenges.

Discussion ensued with SAC members stating that they would like future opportunity to share their input, observations and questions and the Commission be integrated into the planning and coordination of the CIP.

Continuing Business

There was no continuing business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Announcements

Scott Tess referred to the following announcements listed on the Agenda:

- City Budget Presentation –
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t1SEcVI4fLE&feature=youtu.be>
- City Capital Improvement Plan Presentation –
<https://www2.city.urbana.il.us/Scripts/CouncilVideo/Video.asp?v=/ Video/City Council /2017/20170522>
- National Pollinator Week Bee Blitz – June 17, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
<https://www.facebook.com/NationalPollinatorWeekCU/>

Mr. Stump announced that the University of Illinois Prairie Research Institute (PRI) is convening a free workshop on June 28 to facilitate exchange of ideas among Mahomet Aquifer stakeholders and scientific researchers at the I Hotel & Conference Center, Champaign, Illinois.

Mr. Rusk mentioned an article from the News Gazette announcing the Library purchase of green space/infrastructure at Race and Green Street.

Marya Ryan bid farewell to the Commission and Commissioners thanked her for her years of insight and service to the City and sustainability efforts.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

This meeting was recorded.