

**CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS**  
**SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
**Council Chambers, Urbana City Building**  
**Tuesday, March 7, 2017**

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

**Staff Present:** Scott Tess

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Todd Rusk, who chaired the meeting. Scott Tess called the roll and a quorum was present.

**Changes to the Agenda**

There were no changes to the agenda.

**Approval of Minutes**

There were no minutes presented. Minutes from the February meeting will be presented at the April meeting.

**Public Input**

There was no public input.

**Communications**

***Staff Report***

Scott Tess gave the monthly Staff Report which included progress on the Climate Action Plan (CAP) Phase 2, highlighting the Urbana-Champaign ENERGY STAR Challenge. Staff is also working with the Urbana Middle School on establishing a butterfly garden in support of the Mayor's Monarch Pledge.

Related to Public Engagement, Tess reported advising a University of Illinois Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences class on sustainability work and careers.

Associated with the Sustainable Water Management Plan, Tess discussed the rain barrel and compost bin sale bid.

Additionally, a U-Cycle program recycling bin audit was conducted in February.

The Report stated April 4, 2017 as the next meeting date.

**Continuing Business**

There was no continuing business.

## **New Business**

### ***Annual Report***

Scott Tess presented Annual Report for Council. Packet information was missing final 4<sup>th</sup> quarter municipal electric aggregation data which is shown in the PowerPoint that Tess has provided. The purpose of the report is to offer a snapshot to the City Council of what the Environmental Sustainability Division does and to show trends in the data that is collected.

Discussion ensued and SAC offered input.

### ***NREL Solar plus Battery Report***

Scott Tess shared a slide presentation from the National Renewable Energy Lab (NREL) evaluation of the fire station on north Lincoln Avenue for the viability of Solar PV and battery storage opportunities. The assessment indicated that PV by itself was feasible; however, PV and battery system together are not cost effective given the current electric rate structure.

Discussion ensued.

## **Announcements**

Morgan Johnston announced the position of Sustainability Programs Coordinator open with the University of Illinois Institute for Sustainability, Energy, and Environment.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

This meeting was recorded.