

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

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

Commissioners Absent: Beth Meschewski

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

Motion was made by Ms. White, second by Mr. Stumpf, to add an Agenda item of *iMatter Climate Resolution* under New Business. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Ms. White, second by Mr. Rusk, to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2017 meeting with corrections. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ms. Johnson, second by Ms. White, to approve the minutes from the October 13, 2017 meeting with corrections. Motion carried.

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 retrofitting existing outdoor lighting through an investment grade energy audit, an update on Solar Urbana-Champaign.

Progress on the Sustainable Water Management Plan was discussed.

Additionally, Tess noted public engagement with area student to survey and improve the impact of the U-Cycle brochures.

The Report stated December 5, 2017 as the next meeting date.

Continuing Business

There was no continuing business.

New Business

Tracking Summary for Climate Action Plan (CAP) Phase 2

Scott Tess provided a tracking summary of continuous and completed goals and action addressed in the CAP. Discussion ensued with topics such as LEED for Neighborhood Development designation, stormwater impacts, municipal electric aggregation, long-term bundled renewable energy, and vehicle mode share. Chairperson Gloss indicated that now would be a good time to assess the current plan and update as needed.

iMatter Climate Resolution

Chairperson Gloss led a discussion with Commission members concerning the iMatter proposal for addressing climate change in our community; specifically the goals of net carbon neutrality by 2040 and 100% renewable energy by 2025. The CAP has a current goal of 80% reduction in carbon emissions by 2050, similar to numbers set in the Paris Climate Agreement, and no renewable energy goal stated.

Ms. White indicated that care is needed in committing to these goals as there are a lot of scenarios to consider when working through needed systemic change, as well as attention to the financial feasibility involved. Additionally, she mentioned that she would welcome more details from the group before standing behind the resolution.

Members continued to express their desire for collaboration with youth partners in the community and look forward to their perspective on sustainability issues.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

This meeting was recorded.