

CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION
Executive Conference Room, Urbana City Building
Tuesday, May 2, 2017

Commissioners Present: Chairperson Marya Ryan, 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 Marya Ryan. 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 Ms. Gloss, to approve the minutes from the April 4, 2017 meetings. 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 the Guaranteed Energy Savings Project, Solar Power Hours, and changes to the proposed Property Assessed Clean Energy legislation in the Illinois General Assembly.

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 an experimental test plot of low mow fescue grasses being conducted by the Arbor Division.

Additionally, various U-Cycle activities were noted with special attention given to the new county-wide Household Hazardous Waste Team efforts.

The Report stated June 6, 2017 as the next meeting date.

Continuing Business

There was no continuing business.

New Business

Capital Improvement Projects Discussion

Mr. Rusk relayed that he would like to open a discussion of how SAC can get integrated into the planning and coordination of the City of Urbana Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Marya Ryan indicated that this idea was touched on during the drafting process of the Climate Action Plan.

Discussion ensued.

It was agreed to ask assistant City Engineer Brad Bennett, during his presentation next month on the CIP, to discuss opportunities where SAC could possibly share their input, observations and questions concerning the CIP in the future.

Forthcoming U-Cycle Contract

Scott Tess shared information regarding the U-Cycle program as a new contract term approaches. The snapshot of data contained the scale of the curbside and multi-family collection programs, tax revenues, contract specifications and timelines, changes being considered, and costs related to the upcoming fiscal year budget.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. Morgan and Ms. Meschewski both voiced support for the promotion of recycling in the school district.

Announcements

Marya Ryan referred to the following announcements listed on the Agenda:

- Bike Month – May <http://cubikemonth.weebly.com/>
- Bike to Work Day – May 2, 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Ms. Meschewski announced the *Free Technology Demonstration for Liquid Manure Management and Wastewater Treatment* being held at the University of Illinois Swine Research Center on June 2 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

This meeting was recorded.