

CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION
Council Chambers, Urbana City Building and Zoom Meeting
Tuesday, August 2, 2022

Commissioners Present: Stacy Gloss, Tomas Delgado, Jessica Lehmkuhl, Andrew Stumpf, Luke Westawker, and Grace Wilken

Commissioners Absent: Morgan White

Staff Present: Scott Tess, Lily Wilcock, Andrea Ruedi, and Marcus Ricci

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Declaration of Quorum

Chair Gloss called the meeting to order, a roll was called and a quorum was present.

2. Approval of Minutes

Commission Member Wilken moved to approve the meeting minutes from the March 1, 2022 meeting; Commission Member Stumpf seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Scott Tess asked the June 2022 minutes be revised by deleting the last sentence on the first page. Staff Member Tess noted that the statement was not relevant to the item under discussion. Commission Member Lehmkuhl moved to approve the meeting minutes as amended from the June 7, 2022 meeting; Commission Member Delgado seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. Additions to Agenda

Commission Member Wilken asked to introduce Commission members following Public Input since a new member has been added. The Chair and other members agreed to the request.

4. Public Input

No public input was provided.

Commissioners gave brief introductions.

5. Presentations

a. Staff Report

Scott Tess provided the staff report.

Geothermal Urbana-Champaign

The city currently has seven geothermal contracts totaling 32 tons of capacity with a few months of the contract still remaining.

Landscape Recycling Center

As part of a pilot project, the Landscape Recycling Center is accepting pre-consumer (food preparation) and commercial (restaurants and grocery stores) food scrap generators. One hauler is providing the service. The service has one business signed up with a couple more expressing interest in participating in the program.

Solar Urbana-Champaign

The Solar Urbana-Champaign program has selected GRNE to implement our program. GRNE has been around for a while and is growing in the Midwest. This year's base price is the lowest it has ever been. Solar Power meetings are being scheduled. The press release announcing the City's seventh year was published today.

Next Sustainability Advisory Commission Meeting

September 13* at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers at the Urbana City Building.

Commissioner Wilken asked about topics discussed at previous meetings the Commissioner was unable to attend: annual report, hybrid meetings, and fees on one-use bags. These items were not on the current agenda.

6. Unfinished Business

None

7. New Business

a. Examine Urbana Review

Lily Wilcock and Andrea Ruedi presented an update on the City of Urbana's Comprehensive Plan. Lily Wilcock reviewed the section, Examine Urbana. Staff Members Wilcock and Ruedi asked the Commissioners to review the section and provide input.

Commission Member Wilken recommended highlighting growth areas, such as household hazardous waste disposal and electric vehicle infrastructure. Commission Member Lehmkuhl suggested including information about waste contracts and community gardening. Commission Member Stumpf asked if information about the role of commissions in developing future plans for the City. Commission Member Westawker asked if community involvement resources would be provided in the plan.

Staff Members Wilcock and Ruedi asked commissioners to provide input by submitting surveys by August 19, 2022.

b. Solar Energy System Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment and Resolution

Staff Member Marcus Ricci explained language changes to the City of Urbana Zoning Ordinance that clarified solar energy structures and regulations.

8. Announcements

No announcements.

9. Adjournment

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned. This meeting was recorded.

*Due to a scheduling conflict, the September meeting of the Urbana Sustainability and Advisory Commission will be held on the second Tuesday of September (**September 13, 2022**) instead of the first Tuesday of the month.