

**CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS  
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION  
City Council Chambers  
Tuesday, September 4, 2012**

**Commissioners Present:** Chairperson Marya Ryan, Vice Chair Stephen Wald, Gary Cziko, John Marlin, Aaron Petri, Rachel Vellenga

**Commissioners Absent:** Todd Rusk

**Staff Present:** Scott Tess, Robert Myers, Aditi Kambuj, Kate Brickman

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. Kate Brickman called the roll and a quorum was present.

**Changes to the Agenda**

There were no changes to the agenda submitted.

**Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting**

A motion was made by Mr. Cziko, second by Ms. Vellenga, to approve the minutes from the July 11, 2012 meeting. Motion carried.

**Public Input**

Carol McKusick, 1905 N. Cunningham Avenue, Urbana, addressed the Commission concerning Municipal Aggregation, the Haulers Bill, and the Waste Container Ordinance.

**Communications**

Ms. Ryan thanked Robert Myers and Aditi Kambuj for their efforts in completing the Climate Action Plan draft. She then introduced the new Environmental Sustainability Coordinator, Scott Tess, and provided his bio.

***Staff Report***

Scott Tess provided the August Staff Report that gave updates on outreach to returning University of Illinois students concerning Municipal Electric Aggregation.

**Continuing Business**

Brad Bennett, City of Urbana Senior Civil Engineer, gave a presentation on the draft Stormwater Utility Fee Credit and Incentive Manual. He encouraged SAC members to forward input and comment to him by September 14<sup>th</sup> before taking to the City Council. Discussion ensued.

***Discussion of Climate Action Plan (CAP) Phase I Draft***

Robert Myers indicated that he has met with department heads and Mayor Prussing and that the draft is ready for SAC review before going out for public comment. Aditi Kambuj guided SAC through a revised version of the Final Draft Climate Action Plan (CAP).

Areas of concern within the draft included the following:

- Including *Cooperation and collaboration with other governmental entities to promote GHG reduction* as a Climate Planning Principle;
- Including *Inventory and Projections* with the Methodology (Section 2);
- Better definition of the difference between Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) and Green Energy;
- Indicate (by a change in wording) that the community actions listed in Section 3 are hypothetical/suggested actions and not required actions;
- Highlighting the Municipal Electric Aggregation program;
- Reevaluating the *Associated Advantages of quality of life and adaptation* as the result of *Actions*;
- Fine tuning the color scheme as related to photocopying and printing in black ink.

Additionally, there was discussion concerning the ranking of actions that could potentially help Urbana achieve its GHG emissions reduction target. Ms. Ryan noted that Phase I of the CAP is intended primarily to encourage residents to do the actions that are easier to accomplish as a way to prepare the way for larger and more complex actions. Aditi Kambuj and Scott Tess will discuss this goal further and make needed adjustments. A number of other comments on the draft were discussed.

Robert Meyers presented a working schedule for the immediate future of the CAP. This included promotion at the Market at the Square on September 8 or September 15 and use of electronic resources (web, Facebook, Twitter, email) to solicit public feedback by September 26. In addition, optimistically, the draft could be presented at the next Planning Commission meeting on September 20 with SAC considering approval at a subsequent meeting contingent on any substantive changes. Discussion and questions ensued.

A motion was made by Mr. Wald, second by Mr. Petri, to approve the draft CAP with the discussed changes for public review. Motion carried by voice vote.

### **New Business**

There was no new business to discuss.

### **Announcements**

Ms. Vallenga announced the upcoming Household Hazardous Waste Collection event being held Saturday, September 29 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the News-Gazette Distribution Center.

Mr. Wald announced a mini-symposium being held at the Illini Union Thursday, September 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. by the Prairie Research Institute. There will be eleven fast-paced "lightning" talks and over 40 posters showcasing the diverse work of the state

scientific surveys.

Mr. Cziko announced two bicycling-related events:

- *Light the Night Bike Light Event* on Thursday, September 13 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Wright and Green near the U of I Alma Mater statue and Lincoln and Illinois near the residence hall.
- *Cycling Savvy Part I* on Friday, September 14 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the ARC Auditorium on campus.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

This meeting was recorded.