

**CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION
City Building Council Chambers
Tuesday, December 2, 2008
Minutes of Meeting**

Commissioners Present: Marya Ryan, Chair; Amy Ando, Stephen Wald, Kirstin Replogle

Commissioners Absent: John Marlin, Todd Rusk, Jennifer Monson

Staff Present: Rod Fletcher, Anna Hochhalter, Kate Brickman

Call to Order

This meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Approval of Minutes

The meeting minutes from September 16, 2008 were distributed. Motion to approve was made by Kirstin Replogle and seconded by Amy Ando.

Public Input and Communications

Urbana resident Dr. Gary Cziko introduced himself to the Commission as an interested citizen. He presented information concerning a new local initiative called “Transition Champaign County” which is about transitioning communities to meet the challenges and opportunities of climate change.

Staff Report

Rod Fletcher submitted memos that addressed the following items:

- The Illinois Open Meetings Act;
- An introductory meeting between City staff and Richard Warner, the Director of the new Office of Sustainability at the University of Illinois; and
- A meeting sponsored by the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission which included several parties interested in the possibility of working together on larger sustainability issues and efforts.

Anna Hochhalter reported that she had met with other City staff members concerning various questions put forth by the Commission at the last meeting. She provided a memo concerning Top Soil Removal Standards and the Green Building / Energy Conservation

Code. Additionally, Anna provided a copy of City Ordinance 2007-11-133 *Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance*, and a memo that was prepared for the Council in April of 2007 that contained information on Green Building and the Energy Conservation Code.

Approval of By-Laws

Stephen Wald made a motion to approve the bylaws provided. Kirstin Replogle seconded the motion. All were in favor and the By-Laws were approved.

Selection of Vice-Chairperson

Kristin Replogle indicated that she would be willing to be the permanent Vice-Chairperson for the Commission. Amy Ando made a motion for approval and Stephen Wald seconded. All were in favor and Kristin Replogle is the Commission Vice-Chairperson

Planning Direction Outline

Rod Fletcher announced that the City of Urbana submitted documents to join the International Council for Environmental Leadership Initiative (ICLEI). The program will help the City calculate Greenhouse Gas emissions, establishing targets for reductions, establishing policies and monitoring results. He stated that City staff currently working on collecting data to be input by March or May of 2009.

Rod also reported that a local government planning guide has been created by ICLEI that would be replicable across the United States as the cities are going through this process of developing a climate action plan. ICLEI is currently looking for pilot cities and Urbana will submit an application as a possible candidate city.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting Tuesday, January 6, 2009 at 7 P.M.

Kirstin Replogle made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Amy Ando seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 P.M.