

**CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION
City Building 2nd Floor Conference Room
Tuesday, January 6, 2009
Minutes of Meeting**

Commissioners Present: Marya Ryan, Amy Ando, Stephen Wald, John Marlin

Commissioners Absent: Kirstin Replogle, Jennifer Monson, Todd Rusk

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 December 2, 2008 were distributed. Motion to approve was made by Amy Ando and seconded by Stephen Wald.

Public Input and Communications

Marya Ryan informed the members that Todd Rusk had resigned from the Commission for personal reasons. She will notify the Mayor so a replacement can be appointed.

Urbana resident Dr. Gary Cziko spoke to the Commission about local initiative Transition Champaign County.

Tom Falender, director of marketing for Mervis Industries gave a presentation concerning Advantage Recycle, a potential new business and recycling facility in Urbana.

Staff Report

Rod Fletcher announced that that the City became a member of the U.S. Green Building Council as well as the International Council for Environmental Leadership Initiative (ICLEI) Local Governments for Sustainability. Staff will be using framework provided by ICLEI in developing a climate action plan.

Anna Hochhalter shared information on the Natural Step, a nonprofit organization founded in Sweden that offers a framework for developing a sustainability plan. A

discussion between the Commission members followed with a recommendation to look at this framework as well as others that may be available to help the City in its efforts. The Commission requested an overall review of frameworks to be presented at future meetings.

Rod also made mention of the Champaign County Regional Planning Commissions Sustainability Practitioners Group efforts thus far and discussed potential projects that could be worked on together as part of a county wide effort.

The Commission discussed the future tasks of establishing short and long term emission reduction targets, educational outreach, and the effectiveness of mitigation strategies.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will take the form of a presentation at 7 P.M. on Wednesday, February 4th at the Urbana Civic Center. Dr. Don Wuebbles from the Department of Atmospheric Sciences at the University of Illinois will be discussing the topic of Greenhouse Gases and Climate Change with the group and the community at large.

The next regular meeting will be held at 7 P.M. March 3, 2009 at the City Council chambers.

John Marlin made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Stephen Wald seconded.

There being no further business to suggest the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 P.M.

This meeting was taped.

This meeting was broadcast on cable television.