

**CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS  
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION (SAC)  
City Building Council Chambers  
Tuesday, March 3, 2009  
Minutes of Meeting**

**Commissioners Present:** Marya Ryan, Stephen Wald, John Marlin, Kirstin Replogle,  
Jennifer Monson, Gary Cziko

**Commissioners Absent:** Amy Ando

**Staff Present:** Rod Fletcher

**Staff Absent:** Anna Hochhalter

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**Call to Order**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

The meeting minutes from January 6, 2008 were distributed. The following changes were made to the distributed minutes that included the following:

- The location of the meeting in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room;
- The announcement of Todd Rusk's resignation;
- The spelling of Tom Fallender's name;
- The spelling of Dr. Wuebbles name; and
- The request by the Commission for an overview of Staff-proposed sustainability frameworks.

Motion to approve was made by Jennifer Monson and seconded by Gary Cziko.

**Public Input and Communications**

The founders of the C-U Green Business Association (Anthony Santarelli, Cassandra Carroll, and Mara Eisenstein) introduced themselves and provided information and answered questions concerning their non-profit organization.

Chairperson Marya Ryan introduced Gary Cziko as the newest Commission member.

Rod Fletcher informed the Commission that Urbana City Legal Consultant Jack Waaler will be attending the next SAC meeting to discuss the Open Meetings Act and other communications related topics.

## **Staff Report**

Rod Fletcher reported that Staff were making strides in the accumulation of data for input into the International Council for Environmental Leadership Initiative (ICLEI) Local Governments for Sustainability climate protection software. He also suggested that he hoped to have some preliminary information available to present to the Commission at the April meeting.

A discussion ensued between Staff and Commissioners that covered ICLEI processes, immediate emissions targets and the format in which those targets are expressed, and the efficiency of apartment complexes in the area.

## **Framework Review**

Rod Fletcher reminded the Commission that at the January meeting Staff was prepared to recommend the Natural Step as a framework for developing a sustainability plan. However, Staff has decided against that specific idea. Instead, research is being done into possible strategies and frameworks that have a triple bottom line measurement that evaluates social, economic and environmental impacts. He indicated that more information would be forthcoming and completed at some time in the future.

## **Creating a Vision Statement**

Rod Fletcher suggested that the Commission create and adopt a vision statement within a timeframe of the next two meetings. Marya Ryan suggested that ideas be directed to Staff and that Staff prepare a listing of the proposed statements for the next meeting.

## **Discussion of Public Education and Outreach**

A sub-Committee was created for Public Education and Outreach with Gary Cziko and Kirstin Replogle volunteering to be members. When the question was posed about whether there was money available to fund educational projects Rod Fletcher stated that he has developed a Sustainability Initiative to be included in the next fiscal year budget that has yet to be reviewed internally. Within that Initiative are monies set aside for additional personnel, education and public outreach monies, and miscellaneous expenses.

## **Next Meeting Date**

The next regular meeting will be held at 7 P.M. Tuesday, April 7, 2009 at a place yet to be determined. Rod Fletcher will inform the Commission when a location is secured.

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 8:20 P.M.