

CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION (SAC)

City Building Council Chambers

Tuesday, June 2, 2009

Minutes of Meeting

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

Staff Present: Rod Fletcher, Anna Hochhalter, Kate Brickman (Recording Secretary)

Call to Order

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

Approval of Minutes

The meeting minutes from May 5, 2009 were distributed with changes made by Chairperson Ryan. After review by the Commission, Stephen Wald moved to approve the minutes as amended, Gary Cziko seconded, and the motion carried by a voice vote.

It was agreed that future meetings would begin with a roll call and a review of the agenda items.

Public Input and Communications

Tony Olaivar from Green Light Renovations informed the Commission of the status of a bill currently in the U.S. Congress, HR 2454: American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 that proposes to create clean energy jobs, achieve energy independence, reduce global warming pollution and transition to a clean energy economy.

Urbana Councilperson Charlie Smyth, along with Chairperson Ryan and Anna Hochhalter gave a PowerPoint presentation detailing information gathered from their trip to the National League of Cities Green Cities Conference in Portland, Oregon. Additionally, a list of resources was given to Commission members as well as access to paperwork collected by Smyth on various topics.

Vision Statement

The Commissioners discussed several variations on the vision statement that was begun at the May meeting.

- *The City of Urbana is committed to meeting the needs of today's residents without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs. The City of Urbana, therefore, works toward:*

Three points were discussed and agreed upon to be added to the original statement. They are as follows: 1. *Supporting a stable, diverse and equitable economy;* 2. *Increasing resilience and community security with respect to food, water, energy and other human needs;* and 3. *Enhancing quality of life through stewardship of natural resources, restoration of ecological integrity, and conservation of open space.*

Kirstin Replogle made the motion to approve a final statement with John Marlin seconding. A motion was then made by Stephen Wald to replace the word *stable* with *healthy* and Gary Cziko seconded. A formal amendment to the vision statement was then agreed upon by the Commission by a voice vote.

The following Vision Statement was agreed upon and adopted by the Commission to be recommended to the City Council for ultimate approval:

The City of Urbana is committed to meeting the needs of today's residents without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs. The City of Urbana, therefore, works toward:

- 1. Supporting a healthy, diverse and equitable economy;*
- 2. Increasing resilience and community security with respect to food, water, energy and other human needs; and*
- 3. Enhancing quality of life through stewardship of natural resources, restoration of ecological integrity, and conservation of open space.*

Additional Agenda Items

- **Battery Recycling and Rain Barrels**

John Marlin asked Rod Fletcher to give an update on the status of battery recycling and rain barrel promotions that the City is involved with. Fletcher reported that the cost of recycling batteries charged by the City's contractor doesn't include transportation costs and that approximately 600 pounds of batteries are recycled every month in Urbana.

Additionally, \$3000 is available to provide Urbana resident with a \$25 rebate when purchasing a rain barrel. Illini FS and Farm and Fleet are participating with 18 barrels sold thus far.

➤ Commissioner Appointment

Gary Cziko questioned who will be appointed in June to take the place of former Commissioner Amy Ando. Anna Hochhalter explained that the Mayor's assistant was in the process of contacting interested parties and that residents may also apply online at the City web site.

➤ Sustainability Advisory Committee Planning Considerations

Marya Ryan submitted a sheet detailing considerations for the Commission as planning continues; specifically what are the next steps in the process and what elements need to be included. Ryan asked that members review these notes and think about what they would like to see.

Considering this task, Stephen Wald asked Charlie Smyth when the Council's goals for this year would be set and Smyth answered in the fall. Additionally, Ryan mentioned having spoken with Fletcher and Hochhalter concerning potential interaction with the 5 different neighborhood groups within Urbana.

Next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting will be held at 7 P.M. Tuesday, July 7, 2009 in the City of Urbana Council Chambers.

Kirstin Replogle made a motion to adjourn the meeting and John Marlin seconded.

There being no further business to suggest the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 P.M.

This meeting was recorded.