

**CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION (SAC)
City Building Council Chambers
Tuesday, July 7, 2009
Minutes of Meeting**

Commissioners Present: Chairperson Marya Ryan, Kirstin Replogle, Stephen Wald, John Marlin, Gary Cziko, Jennifer Monson (by phone)

Staff Present: Anna Hochhalter, Connie Eldridge recording for Kate Brickman

Staff Absent: Rod Fletcher

Call to Order

This meeting was called to order at 7:18 P.M. Anna Hochhalter called the roll and a quorum was present. The Agenda items were also reviewed at this time.

Approval of Minutes

The meeting minutes from June 2, 2009 were presented. Kirstin Replogle moved to approve the minutes, Gary Cziko seconded, and the motion carried by a voice vote.

Public Input and Communications

Tony Olaivar from Green Light Renovations gave the Commission an update of the status of a bill currently in the U.S. Congress, HR 2454: American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009.

Land Use Evolution and Impact Assessment Model (LEAM) Presentation

Brian Deal, Director of the LEAM Lab at the University of Illinois Urbana- Champaign, gave an overview of the services that LEAM could provide to the greater Champaign County community in making land-use management decisions in the future. Through the use of modeling, environmental, economic and social system impacts can be tested to better foresee potential outcomes and therefore become the means by which discussions take place and decisions are made.

Mr. Deal answered various questions presented by the Commissioners related to the use of LEAM in ways that are unique to Urbana. Chairperson Ryan also relayed that Urbana is being asked for partial support of a County wide combined LEAM, climate change, and economic development set of studies by contributing \$15,000 toward the effort. Six other entities are being asked to contribute.

Staff Report

Anna Hochhalter presented Rod Fletcher's Staff Report that dealt with setting Climate Action Plan Reduction Goals. Within the report, Fletcher covered the following items that he suggests the Commission pursue next:

- Establishing reduction targets
- Developing strategies
- Solicitation of public input

Anna Hochhalter also announced that the City is eligible to receive a \$185,200 grant from the U.S. Department of Energy to apply towards various projects. Staff will keep the Commission informed as to the status of the application.

Planning Process

A handout created by Chairperson Ryan was distributed detailing a plan for continuing work on a climate action plan and also making initial recommendations to the City Council for their goal setting session in September. The Commission then began a discussion of several approaches and steps to take in this process. Kirstin Replogle made the motion to schedule a day long retreat in August for planning purposes for the Commission with John Marlin seconding.

Replogle then amended the motion to schedule the retreat as soon as possible with John Marlin seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

Education Processes

Gary Cziko presented information regarding the use of internet resources for educational purposes; specifically as a way to pull together many resources of potential interest to the Commission and as a way to share and receive feedback from the public as well. In conjunction with this topic the Commission discussed the Open Meetings Act and how it would affect this type of communication.

Kirstin Replogle moved for that for a period of four months the Commission will utilize the Sustainable Urbana Google Group with no more than two Commission members actively participating in discussions. Stephen Wald seconded.

Kirstin Replogle then amended the motion to include a revisiting of the topic in four months time to see if the format is meeting the purpose it was intended to. Stephen Wald seconded the motion as amended and the motion passed unanimously.

Environmental Impacts of Windsor Road Improvements

The Commission discussed the Windsor Road project and the information that was made available through various handouts provided by the City's Engineering Division. Marya Ryan relayed a message from City Engineer Bill Gray that this particular project has been in development for nearly five years, but the City would welcome comments from the Commission on future projects. Gary Cziko brought the project to the Commission's attention as an example

of a project that would have benefitted from a sustainability review and recommended that the Commission consider review criteria at a future meeting.

Next Meeting Date

A special retreat meeting of the Commission is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, August 22, 2009, with details to be finalized and shared in the immediate future. The next regular meeting will be held at 7 P.M. Tuesday, September 1, 2009 in the City of Urbana Council Chambers.

John Marlin made a motion to adjourn and Stephen Wald seconded. There being no further business to address the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

This meeting was recorded.