

CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION (SAC)

City Building City Council Chambers

Tuesday, July 6, 2010

Minutes of Meeting

Commissioners Present: Chairperson Marya Ryan, Jean Ascoli, Gary Cziko, Kirstin Replogle, Todd Rusk, Stephen Wald

Commissioners Absent: John Marlin

Staff Present: Anna Hochhalter, Robert Myers

Additional Present: Doug Miller, Nancy Westcott

Call to Order, Roll Call, and Declaration of Quorum

This meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. Anna Hochhalter called the roll and a quorum was present.

Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda submitted.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The meeting minutes May 4, 2010 were presented. Marya Ryan asked that it be noted that she gave a brief report on the Sustainable Government Conference, which she attended on April 23, 2010. Kirstin Replogle moved to approve the minutes as amended, Gary Cziko seconded, and the motion carried by a voice vote.

Public Input

No members of the public were in attendance.

Communications

Presentation by Dr. Nancy Westcott

A presentation was made by Dr. Nancy Westcott, Atmospheric Scientist and Researcher at the Illinois State Water Survey on the *Context and Impacts of the Summer of 1954 Heat Wave in St. Louis and Kansas City*.

Presentation by Staff: Monthly Report

Anna Hochhalter presented the Urbana Sustainability Initiative Monthly Report. The report included information regarding projects which are in process, staff activities, and upcoming events.

Miscellaneous

Ryan asked if the commission is interested in seeing the City participate in the 10.10.10 Global Work Party. The other commission members indicated that there is. Ryan should call Hochhalter to discuss what the City might do

Ryan asked whether the SAC should approve minutes from the June joint meeting with the City Council and Plan Commission. The meeting was convened as a City Council study session, so there are notes but not minutes per se. No approval is required from the SAC.

Doug Miller, Project Manager for the City of Urbana Engineering Division, gave a general overview of the City's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Miller answered questions posed by Commission members and stressed that the CIP is a planning document used to identify needs and make projections on priorities and what can be funded over a 10 year period.

Gary Cziko shared a presentation on transportation infrastructure, road diets, and roundabouts. Cziko suggested that the Commission and the City look towards developing energy efficient road networks that could in effect make a serious impact on emissions reductions.

Old Business

Discussion of Urbana Climate Action Plan (CAP)

The Commission discussed the status of the public input that has been gathered thus far as well in addition to the recalculation of data. Kate Brickman has compiled the public input data, and Hochhalter will send it to the SAC. Jean Ascoli explained that a new consistent methodology has been incorporated that has resulted in a lessening of numbers for electric usages and a better baseline to use.

Chairperson Ryan suggested continuing a discussion concerning recommended CAP strategies, levels of detail involved, measurement processes, and the potential dividing of research responsibilities at an all-day working group meeting this fall.

Discussion of Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE)

Stephen Wald led a brief discussion regarding PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) financing programs. He reported that the enabling legislation, Illinois Senate Bill 2505, did not make it through the house this legislative session. At the federal level, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac have refused to accept loans on homes with PACE assessments on them, which effectively

stops most PACE programs from being able to go forward. Wald also reported that Ameren's on-bill financing program for energy efficiency investments by customers had been approved by the Illinois Commerce Commission, but had yet to be marketed by Ameren.

Discussion of Joint Study Session with the Urbana City Council and Urbana Planning Commission

The Commission discussed their comments and thoughts on the joint study session that occurred on June 9, 2010. Mayor Prussing is hoping to have these three parties meet on a quarterly basis to discuss sustainability issues in regards to City planning.

Announcements

The following announcements were made:

- Anna Hochhalter will be attending the University of Illinois and reducing her working hours for the City to 10 hours per week. She wished to let the Commission know that she has enjoyed working with everyone.
- Marya Ryan will not be present for the August meeting, and Kirstin Replogle will chair.
- Robert Myers announced that the new state energy code passed last fall.

The next regularly scheduled SAC meeting, will take place Tuesday, August 3, 2010 at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

This meeting was recorded.