

CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION

City Council Chambers

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

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

Commissioners Absent: Jean Ascoli [*excused*]

Staff Present: Bart Hagston, Kate Brickman

Additional Present: Carol McKusick

Call to Order, Roll Call, and Declaration of Quorum

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. Kate Brickman called the roll and a quorum was present.

Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda submitted.

Review of Minutes from Previous Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Cziko, second by Ms. Replogle, to approve the minutes from the April 5, 2011 meeting. Motion carried.

Public Input

Carol McKusick addressed the Commission concerning the requirement of businesses in the City to have refuse dumpsters with lids and lids be kept closed. Chairperson Ryan again advised Ms. McKusick that this matter was more of a nuisance situation and wasn't necessarily in the Commission's purview and suggested that the issue be taken before the City Council.

Communications

Monthly Staff Report

Bart Hagston provided the April Staff Report that gave updates on the following items:

- Update of ongoing Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant projects;
- Second electronics recycling collection event of the year on Saturday, May 21, 2011;
- New U-Cycle program brochure detailing new materials being accepted and a Spanish translation; and
- Possibility of securing non-paid internship help through the U of I Environmental Fellows Program for undergraduates.

Mr. Hagston also provided copies of two memos that were recently submitted by the Environmental Management and Sustainability Division to the City Council that detailed the recent truckload sale of rain barrels and compost bins, and information concerning the Adopt Urbana program (litter cleanup along streets in Urbana).

Discussion and questions ensued.

Additional Communications

Ms. Replogle relayed that the Illinois Chapter of the Sierra Club is continuing to work on a mailer that will direct residents on the proper disposal of household hazardous waste.

Continuing Business

Discussion on Water Resource Issues

Commission members followed up on their intent from last month's meeting to discuss water resources and those specific issues that they would like to further investigate. Ms. Ryan proposed that the Commission aim for defining high level goals with Mr. Rusk suggesting that a water usage baseline be established to better understand what is being accomplished.

Mr. Hagston suggested that Illinois American Water may be able to supply the baseline water usage numbers and will be contacting them. They had previously provided such data to the City a couple years ago. Mr. Rusk offered to help analyze the data when it is received.

Ms. Replogle is currently researching the EPA-sponsored partnership program *WaterSense*. WaterSense seeks to protect the future of our nation's water supply by promoting water efficiency and enhancing the market for water-efficient products, programs, and practices by bringing together local water utilities and governments, product manufacturers, retailers, consumers, and other stakeholders.

Mr. Rusk and Mr. Cziko agreed to begin looking into what other communities are doing in regards to water conservation efforts.

New Business

There was no new business presented.

Announcements

The next regularly scheduled SAC meeting of Tuesday, June 7, 2011 at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers will be rescheduled. Mr. Hagston and Ms. Ryan indicated that they would contact Commissioners once a date had been chosen.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m. This meeting was recorded.