

**CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION
City Council Chambers
Tuesday, January 3, 2012**

Commissioners Present: Chairperson Marya Ryan, Stephen Wald, John Marlin, Todd Rusk

Commissioners Absent: Gary Cziko [excused], Aaron Petri [excused], Rachel Vellenga [excused]

Staff Present: Bart Hagston, Robert Myers, Jeffrey Engstrom, Kate Brickman

Additional Present: Carol McKusick

Call to Order, Roll Call, and Declaration of Quorum

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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. Rusk, second by Mr. Wald, to approve the minutes from the December 6, 2011 meeting. Motion carried.

Public Input

Carol McKusick, 403 W. University, Urbana, spoke to the Commission concerning the City Ordinance requiring haulers to provide commercial recycling services and the accompanying reports that are prepared.

Communications

Emissions Reduction Measures Presentation

Andrew Kumler, University of Illinois student volunteer at the Urbana Public Works Department, gave the Commission a presentation on research he had conducted to compare and contrast emissions reduction measures featured in various municipal climate plans. The supplementary spreadsheets will be available to Commission members to review at their convenience.

Downtown Strategic Plan 2012

Mr. Engstrom, Planner II with the Community Development Services Department, shared the City of Urbana Downtown Strategic Plan with Commission members. The document is a future vision for the downtown area and will be used to guide planning and implementation efforts over the course of the next several years.

Monthly Staff Report

Mr. Hagston provided an oral Staff Report for December that gave updates on the following items:

- Ameren's Act on Energy Program

The end of February will mark the cut-off of the City's Department of Energy grant monies for the energy audit program. Staff will continue to work with Ameren and their subcontractors to finish off the grant dollars allotted for assistance on insulation and air sealing projects.

- Illinois electronics recycling ban which went into effect January 1, 2012.
- Two county-wide electronics recycling events will tentatively be held in May and October 2012.

Discussion and questions ensued.

Continuing Business

Proposed Stormwater Utility Credit and Incentive Program

A motion was made by Ms. Ryan, second by Mr. Wald, to recommend that the Urbana City Council adopt the proposed Stormwater Utility Credit and Incentive Program and that the Commission has the opportunity to annually review the credit and incentive program. Motion carried.

Climate Action Plan

The Commission reviewed and discussed the draft Phase I climate report. Various wording changes were proposed, and several ideas for improving the document were discussed.

Discussion was held regarding the inclusion of technical material, whether it should be presented in a separate document or included as an appendix. Motion by Mr. Wald, second by Mr. Marlin, that a single Phase I Report document, with an executive summary and document designed for the general public, with technical information located in appendices, be presented to Council. Motion carried.

Mr. Wald continues to look at the emissions data to find better ways to graphically present the information.

A consensus was reached that baseline emissions data should be rounded to the nearest one hundred tons, as the numbers currently may make it appear as though we have precise abilities to measure emissions, which is not accurate. All emissions are calculated using various data plugged into a software model.

Municipal electric aggregation was also discussed. Mr. Hagston informed Commissioners that the Acting City Attorney recommended that SAC not take an official stance on municipal aggregation before the March 20 referendum, since the Commission is subject to the same State election laws which require municipalities to present information on such public questions in an unbiased manner. However, it is acceptable for the Commission to provide factual information

on aggregation and how it could be used as a possible emissions reduction strategy. Discussion ensued.

Announcements

There were no announcements made.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

This meeting was recorded.