

**CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION
City Council Chambers
Tuesday, February 7, 2012**

Commissioners Present: Chairperson Marya Ryan, Stephen Wald, Gary Cziko, Aaron Petri, Todd Rusk, Rachel Vellenga

Commissioners Absent: John Marlin [excused]

Staff Present: Robert Myers, Kate Brickman

Call to Order, Roll Call, and Declaration of Quorum

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. Kate Brickman called the roll and a quorum was present.

Changes to the Agenda

Gary Cziko asked to include a discussion of the energy efficiency of roundabouts under New Business.

Approval 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

There was no public input given.

Communications

Zoning and Regulations Presentation

Robert Myers, Planning Manager with the City of Urbana Community Development Services Department, gave the Commission a presentation on the role of zoning ordinances, subdivision regulations and City plans in addressing sustainability.

Discussion and questions ensued.

Monthly Staff Report

Mr. Hagston provided a written Staff Report for February (Mr. Myers presented) that gave updates on the following items:

- **Municipal Electric Aggregation**
City staff members are currently working on an educational campaign to prepare the public for the March 20 referendum vote.
- **Residential Energy Audits and Retrofit Program**
As of January 24, all remaining audit slots with Ameren's Act on Energy Grant program were filled.

- **Required Illinois Open Meetings Act Training**

The State of Illinois requires all elected and appointed members of public bodies to complete the training course by the end of 2012. SAC members should send certificates of completion to Kate Brickman so that the City has a record of compliance.

- **Staff Change**

Mr Hagston's last day as Environmental Sustainability Manager with the City will be February 10th. The vacancy will be refilled as soon as possible.

Ms. Ryan and other Commissioners expressed their thanks to Bart for his service to SAC.

SAC Vice Chair Appointment

Mayoral appointment of Stephen Wald as SAC Vice Chair has been confirmed by the Urbana City Council.

Continuing Business

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. SAC voted to finalize and forward to City Council for approval. Motion passed.

New Business

Energy Efficiency of Roundabouts

Mr. Cziko discussed the energy savings resulting from roundabouts, traffic calming, and other transportation infrastructure systems. Ms. Ryan suggested that this topic be added as a future SAC agenda item. Additionally, Mr. Cziko put forward that SAC weigh in on additional projects and Council items with respect to sustainability.

Mr. Wald presented the following handouts: a *Household Annual CO2 Footprint and Costs* and *An Urbana Household's Annual Energy Costs, Greenhouse Gas Footprint, and Reduction Opportunities*. The handouts presented a methodology for prioritizing reduction opportunities. Mr. Rusk and Mr. Petri applauded Mr. Walds' efforts and discussed utilizing such items for residents during the CAP Phase II process.

Announcements

There were no announcements made.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.
This meeting was recorded.