

**CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS  
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION  
City Council Chambers  
Tuesday, March 6, 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

**Additional Present:** Aditi Kambuj, Devin Quarley, Carol McKusick, Gabriel Wright, Deven O'Dowd, Carey Addison

**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.

**Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting**

A motion was made by Mr. Cziko, second by Ms. Vellenga, to approve the minutes from the February 7, 2012 meeting. Motion carried.

**Public Input**

Carol McKusick, 403 W, University Avenue, Urbana, spoke to the Commission concerning Roberts Rules of Order, the creation of a governing board for all of the City Commissions, and questioned whether subsidization of ethanol was included in the Climate Action Plan (CAP) draft.

**Communications**

***Monthly Staff Report***

Robert Myers provided an oral Staff Report for March that gave updates on the following items:

- **Municipal Electric Aggregation**  
A reminder to the public that there will be a referendum vote on March 20<sup>th</sup> to allow the City pursuit of municipal electric aggregation for residential customers and small businesses.
- **Local CAPs**  
A discussion of collaboration among Cities of Urbana and Champaign, University of Illinois, and Champaign County towards combined sustainability efforts.
- **Staff Change**  
A nation-wide search is currently underway to fill the vacant Environmental Sustainability Coordinator position at the City.

- **East Central Illinois Regional Stakeholders' Conference**

SAC has been invited to attend this conference, which addresses the Mahomet Aquifer. Those interested in participating should let Ms. Brickman know by March 8 so that she can coordinate registration and payment through the City.

Discussion and questions ensued.

### **Continuing Business**

There was no continuing business to attend to.

### **New Business**

#### ***Climate Action Plan***

Mr. Myers had a discussion with Mayor Prussing that he relayed to the Commission. The Mayor asked that City staff have time to review and provide feedback/comments to the CAP final draft. Staff review was completed as of March 5, 2012. The Mayor will also comment on the plan.

#### ***Climate Action Plan Schedule***

SAC agreed to present the CAP final draft to the March 22 Plan Commission meeting for their input. Staff comments will be appended to the version of the plan that SAC forwarded at its Feb. 7, 2012 meeting. Staff will prepare a presentation with input from Mr. Cziko. Mr. Cziko will be present at the Plan Commission meeting, and Ms. Ryan will be dialing in. The CAP final draft will also be circulated by email to the Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Commission this month to gather their input as well. Feedback from the Mayor, staff, and commissions is expected to be completed in March. A public comment period is recommended, to take place before the plan goes to the City Council.

#### ***Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program***

Ms. Ryan provided information concerning a request from the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA). The FHFA seeks comments on issues regarding the Agencies' dealing in mortgages on properties that participate in PACE programs or that could participate in PACE programs. Written comments will be accepted through March 26.

A motion was made by Mr. Wald, second by Ms. Cziko, for Staff to gather information on the request, identify areas for comment, and to forward comments to Mayor Prussing to submit. Motion carried.

#### ***Zoning and Regulations Presentation***

Robert Myers, Planning Manager with the City of Urbana Community Development Services Department, gave the Commission a presentation the role of municipal annexation and annexation agreements and how these policies fit within City processes.

Discussion and questions ensued.

### **Announcements**

Mr. Wald announced that the Prairie Research Institute would be hosting the Naturally Illinois Expo and Open House on March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at the Natural Resources Building on the University

of Illinois campus. On hand will be exhibits, demonstrations, and activities of interest to the public, teachers, and students of all levels.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:49pm.

This meeting was recorded.