

**CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS  
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION  
City Council Chambers  
Tuesday, October 2, 2012**

**Commissioners Present:** Chairperson Marya Ryan, Vice Chair Stephen Wald, Gary Cziko, John Marlin, Todd Rusk, Rachel Vellenga

**Commissioners Absent:** Aaron Petri

**Staff Present:** Scott Tess, Aditi Kambuj, Kate Brickman

**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.

**Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting**

A motion was made by Mr. Cziko, second by Ms. Vellenga, to approve the minutes from the September 4, 2012 meeting with the following addition:

*(page 2, paragraph 2, sentence 3) to read “In addition, optimistically, the draft could be presented at the next Planning Commission meeting on September 20 with SAC considering approval at a subsequent meeting contingent on any substantive changes.”*

Motion carried.

**Public Input**

Carol McKusick, 1905 N. Cunningham Avenue, Urbana, addressed the Commission concerning Municipal Aggregation and specified power sources.

**Communications**

***Clinton Landfill***

Bill Spencer of WATCH Clinton Landfill Association gave a presentation to the Commission regarding the Clinton landfill application to accept polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). WATCH is a non-profit grassroots volunteer community organization currently focused on the PCB dumping over the Mahomet Aquifer.

***Staff Report***

Scott Tess provided the October Staff Report that gave updates on outreach to returning University of Illinois students concerning municipal electric aggregation, public review comments on the climate action plan draft, the Boneyard Creek master plan, the *Stormwater Utility Fee Credit and Incentive Manual*, the Energy Star Portfolio Manager, and an Urban Innovation Award that the Arbor Division has applied for.

## **Continuing Business**

### ***Discussion of Public Input on Climate Action Plan (CAP) Phase I Draft***

The Commission discussed issues brought to their attention from the public input session directly preceding the meeting. Areas of concern included the following:

- Including report data from Homefield Energy; and
- Including the Urbana-Champaign Sanitary District as a strategy implementation partner.

There was an inquiry about what seemed to be exclusion of city operations from the data, but emissions from city operations are included in commercial sector data.

Gary Cziko will attend the Plan Commission meeting for the draft presentation on Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. The draft will then be submitted to the Committee of the Whole at their October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting and forwarded to Council from there if there are no additional substantive changes to be made.

### ***Water Resource Issues***

Ms. Ryan addressed the role of SAC in the sustainable management of water resources and how best to define related problems and potential threats. Scott Tess suggested focusing on the following categories:

- Stormwater and surface water quality;
- Potable water use and conservation; and
- Flood control and drought planning.

Following discussion, Staff agreed to begin gathering data related to each category to enable the Commission to better define which specific direction to go in.

## **New Business**

There was no new business to discuss.

## **Announcements**

Mr. Wald announced a lecture by Andrew Revkin, Senior Fellow at Pace University and blogger for *The New York Times*. The talk is part of the Prairie Research Institute Lecture Series and will take place on October 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. at the ARC Auditorium on the U of I campus.

Mr. Cziko announced a *Cycling Savvy* event on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the ARC Auditorium on the U of I campus.

Scott Tess relayed the success of the September 29<sup>th</sup> household hazardous waste event and indicated that he will provide further data as he receives it. Additionally, Scott announced an electronics recycling event being held October 13<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the News-Gazette Distribution Center.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

This meeting was recorded.