

CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION
City Council Chambers
Tuesday, December 4, 2012

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

Staff Present: Scott Tess, Kate Brickman

Call to Order, Roll Call, and Declaration of Quorum

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 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 November 6, 2012 meeting with the following addition in the Call to Order agenda item:

Ms. Ryan made the announcement that Aaron Petri was ending his service with the Commission and stated that there was now a vacancy.

Motion carried.

Public Input

Carol McKusick, 1905 N. Cunningham Avenue, Urbana, addressed the Commission concerning Municipal Aggregation.

Communications

Staff Report

Scott Tess provided the December Staff Report that answered questions that arose from commission members relating to information provided at the November meeting. Tess also gave updates on Municipal Electric Aggregation, Sustainability pages on the City Website, the creation of a City Green Team, a Sierra Club Cool Cities Achievement Award, the 5 Milestones of ICLEI, and requirements of Open Meetings Act Training. He noted that the first Tuesday of January is a holiday and suggested that the January SAC meeting be scheduled on January 8.

Continuing Business

Water Resource Issues

Scott Tess continued a discussion to better define the role of SAC in the sustainable management of water resources and how best to define related problems and potential threats.

The following categories were agreed upon, with the understanding that they may change over time:

- Water Supply and Demand
- Drinking Water Quality
- Surface Water and Storm Water Quality
- Flood Management
- Recreational Waters

Following brief conversation, it was determined that the next step in proceeding would be establishing baseline numbers for each category and selecting criteria to best assess and address the conditions of each category. Tess said that he would begin working towards that end.

Additionally, the Commission discussed ways in which to engage and educate the public in sustainable water practices.

New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

Announcements

There were no announcements made.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

This meeting was recorded.