

CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION
Council Chambers
Tuesday, June 3, 2014

Commissioners Present: Chairperson Marya Ryan, Vice Chair Stephen Wald, Bart Bartels, Todd Rusk, Andrew Stumpf, Rachel Vellenga, Ryan Wolber

Staff Present: Scott Tess, 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.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Motion was made by Mr. Bartels, second by Ms. Vellenga, to approve the minutes from the May 6, 2014 meeting. Two corrections were noted and all were in agreement to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried.

Public Input

Carol McCusick, 1907 N. Cunningham Avenue, Urbana commented on the current U-Cycle contract language relating to haulers.

Daniel Chenowith, 412 W. Illinois Street, Urbana and Saba, 203 E. Oregon Street, Urbana spoke in-person and via YouTube video pertaining to the Georgetown University Energy Prize. Tess expressed interest in having the City participate. Rusk volunteered to assist.

Communications

Staff Report

Scott Tess gave the monthly Staff Report that included updates on various Goals and Actions from the Climate Action Plan and the Sustainable Water Management Plan and an update on Progress for both. The report also addressed various U-Cycle activities. Tess also noted that on Saturday, June 7, at the Boneyard Creek he would be participating in Lil' Miss Atrazine, a nationwide citizen scientist project aiming to track the presence of atrazine in the Mississippi River and its tributaries.

The Report noted July 1 as the next meeting date.

Continuing Business

Greenhouse Gas Inventory

Scott Tess provided a review of the draft Urbana Climate Action Plan Phase 2. Tess indicated that beyond the impacts of the state Renewable Portfolio Standards and Renewable Energy Credits, all other inputs will show minimal effect towards Climate Action Plan reduction goals. Mr. Rusk recommended that adding a sensitivity analysis to the report would add perspective to that end. Tess added that the other inputs may still have valuable co-benefits.

Commissioners discussed different ways of continuing to engage the public in the Climate Action Plan. These included looking for volunteers to sensor homes and businesses thereby providing data that can better inform strategies, and engaging stakeholders in more robust ways such as in Smart Grid Metering and the Green Office Challenge.

Tess continued on with mentioning Council Goals relating to Sustainability and indicating the necessity of those goals that are within our control, those goals that are impactful, and those goals that are both. He reminded the Commission of the distinct difference between outputs (things you do) and outcomes (what you have accomplished). Mr. Rusk restated the need to continue looking towards commercial entities because that is where the hugest impacts will be.

New Business

There was no new business to address.

Announcements

Scott Tess announced a tentative joint Plan Commission, SAC and BPAC meeting on July 10 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers. He will send an update once details are finalized.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

This meeting was recorded.