

# Request for City Council Action

**Date:** February 12, 2013

<b>Agenda Section:</b> Consent Agenda  <b>No.</b> 4	<b>Originating Department:</b>  City Clerk's Office
<b>Item:</b> Acceptance of Minutes of Boards, Commissions and Committees  <b>No.</b> 4.3	<b>Approved:</b>

**Background:**

Attached for Council review and acceptance are minutes of meetings from City boards, commissions and committees which have recently been sent to the City Clerk's Office.

**Recommended Action:**

The Council is requested to accept the following sets of minutes and place them on file:

Human Relations Commission – December 3, 2012

Carbondale Public Library Board of Trustees – December 12, 2012

Sustainability Commission – December 20, 2012

Engineering Approval Obtained	Finance Approval Obtained	Legal Approval Obtained	Approval Obtained	Manager's Approval Obtained
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Council Action: Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd by \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_



**Commissioners Present:** Jessica Bradshaw, Jeraldine Brown, Joseph Brown, Jerrold Hennrich, Sidney Logwood, Sherry Ratcliffe Taylor, Blaine Tisdale, Dora Weaver

**Commissioners Excused:**

**Commissioners Absent:**

**Study Circle Staff Present:** Sarah Heyer

**Guests Present:** Tanzania Adams (Student), Tai Cox (Daily Egyptian), Laryncia Dates (Student), Lauren Duncan (Daily Egyptian), Carl Flowers (Resident), Linda Flowers (Resident), Lt. Mark Goddard (Carbondale Police Department), Dion Hall (Student), Caleb Hale (Southern Illinoisan), Carolin Harvey (Resident), Pepper Holder (Resident), Tony Holsey (Resident), Alfred Jackson (Resident), Robin Johnson (Resident), Kwalee Kemp (Student), Ella Lacey (Resident), Demetrios Layne (Student), Asia Lee (Student), Sandra Litecky (Resident), Kenneth Lynon (Business Owner), Kiera Mallett (Student), Faith Miller (Resident), Elius Reed (NAACP), Lt. Stan Reno (Carbondale Police Department), Nicholas Simpson (Student), Teresa Smith (Resident), Allanté Stubberfield (Student), Antwion Terry (Student), Chad Trisler (SIU Student Rights & Responsibilities), Lt. Harold Tucker (SIUC Dept. of Public Safety), Laron Washington (Business Owner)

**Staff Present:** City Manager Kevin Baity, Councilman Lee Fronabarger, Staff Liaison Deborah McCoy

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## **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Bradshaw and turned over to Mary Rudasill and Missy Greathouse of the Dispute Resolution Institute. Ms. Rudasill and Ms. Greathouse opened the dialogue regarding the 2012 fall semester house parties. Questions were asked regarding the August 26, 2012 party including arrests and charges, number of people attending the party, level of force used to disperse the crowd, e.g. mace/pepper spray, the nonexistence of a complaint about the party, observation of the police of the party and its attendees, usual procedures for addressing these issues when there is no complaint or when there is a complaint for noise, and the photo that appeared in the Daily Egyptian the next morning. Comments were made regarding the lack of events/activities for African American students, the lack of locations to hold those events/activities, the required security and costs associated with African American events held on campus. Concerns were raised regarding inconsistencies in statements from the Carbondale Police Department about the party versus the police report, policing of predominately black parties as opposed to parties given by non-blacks, and the lack of an inviting and welcoming Carbondale and SIU community. Suggestions were made that information governing parties and capacities, etc., be made available and thought be given to what can be done to make this a more inviting community and campus.

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## **Minutes**

Motion was made by Commissioner Logwood and seconded by Commissioner Tisdale.  
Motion carried.

## **Announcements**

None

## **Public Comments**

None

## **Study Circles Report**

Neighborhood Action Group – Meeting Wednesday, December 5, 2012, 5:00 p.m. Topic will be TIF Districts. City Council will host a hearing about the TIF Districts at their meeting on December 11, 2012.

## **Non-Violent Carbondale Project Progress Report**

Chair Bradshaw announced the group moving ahead with 11 Days of Food Justice, Feb 21 through March 2. Contacting organizations to sponsor events. Posted on Carbondale NonViolent Web site. Next meeting December 10, 2012, at 5:00 p.m. at Civic Center.

## **Old Business**

Carbondale as a Compassionate City – No update.

Law Enforcement Reports – Commissioner Tisdale reported the letter has been sent to the Carbondale Police Chief requesting a formal report.

HRC Responsibilities, Role, Charges – Commissioner Tisdale commented that he is awaiting feedback on the research regarding subpoena power that he presented at the November meeting. Commissioner Tisdale will e-mail the research to Commissioners which will be discussed at the next meeting.

## **New Business**

Commissioner Taylor summarized the main points presented during the dialogue: racial profiling, accuracy of police departments, lack of places for black students to party, and students do not feel welcome. She stated that perception is reality and from that a negative brand/image is being created for Carbondale. She suggested that the Commission recognize the issues and develop specific suggestions to submit to City leaders. Commissioner Joseph Brown commented that 26% of the SIUC student population is minority, 24% of the minorities are African American, and 37% of the freshmen class is African American. Commissioners discussed equal access to places in the community and monetary motives. Mr. Washington, a local business

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owner, commented that Carbondale does not feel like an inclusive community. He cited various events and programs, such as Main Street's Brown Bag event, that cater to one audience. Commissioners agreed to revisit the issues raised during the dialogue at the next meeting, follow-up with students, and identify some suggestions to be submitted to City leaders.

**Next Meeting:** January 7, 2013

**Adjournment** - There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Recorded by Deborah McCoy

Carbondale Public Library Board of Trustees  
Wednesday, December 12, 2012  
4:30 p.m.

Meeting Room  
405 West Main St.  
Carbondale, IL 62901

## MINUTES

### **Call to order.**

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm.

### **Roll call. Present:**

Roland Person, President (1)  
Barbara Levine, Vice President (1)  
Susan Tulis, Secretary  
Joyce Hayes  
Harriet Simon (1)  
Hazel Grant (2)  
Don Prosser (2)  
Philip Brown (1)

### **Absent:**

Julian Pei, Treasurer (1)

The number following the Trustee's name indicates the number of absences this fiscal year.

### **Staff present:**

Diana Brawley Sussman, Library Director  
Christine Fine, Circulation and Finance Manager

### **Visitors present:**

None.

### **President's report.**

None.

### **Secretary's report.**

1. Approval of the November 14, 2012 minutes. Susan Tulis made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Joyce Hayes seconded. MOTION passed unanimously.

### **Correspondence and communications.**

The library director shared that notices had come regarding public hearings for the proposed TIF districts. Photos from Family Reading Night were shared.

### **Financial report.**

1. Approval of bills payable, including bills due December 16, 2012 to January 15, 2013. Harriet Simon made a motion to approve payment of these bills. Susan Tulis seconded. MOTION passed unanimously.

2. Acceptance of the financial report for November 2012.

Christine Fine reported that most items are right in line with the budget, or slightly under projections, so our spending is good. She further explained the audit. Building depreciation is shown on the audit. We asked for support and received it. There was a question about utility bill going down: We received a \$500 rebate. Philip Brown made a motion to accept the financial report. Don Prosser seconded. MOTION passed unanimously.

### **Librarian's report.**

1. Building and grounds. None to report. See also unfinished business.

2. Review and acceptance of dates closed for 2013. Don Prosser made a MOTION to approve these dates closed. Barbara Levine seconded. MOTION passed unanimously.

3. Review and acceptance of board meeting dates for 2013. Don Prosser made a MOTION to approve these dates closed. Barbara Levine seconded. MOTION passed unanimously. Board meetings will be, as usual, on the second Wednesday of each month at 4:30 pm in the library meeting room. There is one exception: February's meeting will be held on the third Wednesday, 2/20/13 at 4:30 pm in the library meeting room.

4. Review and acceptance of investment policy. Barbara Levine made a MOTION to accept the investment policy. Hazel Grant seconded. MOTION passed unanimously.

5. Review of executive session minutes. Don Prosser made a motion to keep the minutes closed. Harriet Simon seconded. MOTION

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passed unanimously.

6. Consideration of e-rate service related bids. Tabled.

7. Review of levy hearing. Comments from the City Council were summarized for the board. The board noted that it is important to note that while our levy is similar to the city's it is our sole major source of revenue, while the levy is only a portion of the city's budget.

8. Other. None.

**Committee reports.**

**Unfinished business.**

1. Entryway awnings and Live and Learn Construction Grant for remodeling. Reviewed the Live and Learn Construction grant application in progress and agreed by consensus to pursue grant funding for the proposed projects with the budget described.

**New business.**

None.

**Other.**

None.

**Adjournment.**

Adjourned at 5:20pm

**Respectfully submitted:**

Susan Tulis, Secretary

**Prepared by:**

Diana Brawley Sussman, Library Director

Next Board Meetings for 2013 (all in Public Library meeting room, 4:30 p.m.): January 9, February 20 (February's meeting will be on the third Wednesday of the month.), March 13, April 10, May 8, June 12, July 10, August 14, September 11, October 9, November 13, December 11.

**MINUTES**  
**City of Carbondale Sustainability Commission**  
**Thursday, December 20, 2012**  
**City Hall / Civic Center – 6:00 p.m.**

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1. **Roll Call:** Mr. Kunath called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.
- Members Present:** Ms. Romaine Wagner, Mr. Bobell, Mr. Beck, Mr. Kunath, Ms. Trotter, Mr. Stewardson, Mr. Monty
- Members Absent:** Mr. Wodika, Ms. Pimental, Mr. Thorne
- Staff Present:** Loren Polley

**Others Present:**

**Minutes:** Motion by Ms. Trotter, all in favor, or approval of November 15, 2012, minutes

2. **Communications:**

Review of the October, 2012 Status Report of the Former Koppers Wood-Treating Site. Contact is made and no date for visit has been established yet. Received the October 2012 Status Report.

3. **Old Business:**

**Energy Committee** – Energy Aggregation has been the focus of the committee. Mr. Beck brought it to attention that sales representatives from random energy companies are going door to door trying to hustle people into joining their company before the City of Carbondale gets their plan established. The solicitors are still present within the Carbondale area.

**Bike Path /Green Space Committee** Ms. Romaine-Wagner brought a proposed 5.7 mile bike path to the Commission’s attention written by herself and Mr. Wodika. The plan had different bike path signs included. Need to take a hard copy directly to the City Manager, Mr. Baity. Mr. Stewardson motioned, Mr. Beck second, all in favor. Budget season is coming up, so there is a rush to get this plan before council as soon as possible. Need more promotions for the more bike paths. Need safe paths around town. Need a good and solid comprehensive plan. Need more input on where to properly place bike lanes or paths. It was also discussed of how to possibly make vacant lots within the city “green” spaces. We need to define the actual definition of what is considered “green space”. Tree Committee may be merged as a part of this subcommittee.

**Recycling Committee** – Discussions continue on options for apartments to recycle. The committee would like to see stricter volume limits on trash as a way to encourage more recycling. Discussions continue on community based and commercial composting possibilities. The Governor vetoed the bill on plastic bags. Send emails to the Chamber of Commerce as well as Carbondale Main Street for any thoughts on how Styrofoam can be used less and hopefully banned all together. Styrofoam ban needs to be a top priority. A Styrofoam representative would like to come and explain how Styrofoam is a “good thing.

4. **New Business:** Subcommittee meetings are moved to the first Thursday of the month.

5. **Adjournment:** With no further business to be conducted Mr. Kunath adjourned the meeting at 7:15 PM.
6. Respectively submitted by Loren K. Polley, City of Carbondale Staff Liaison