

Request for City Council Action

Date: February 24, 2015

<p>Agenda Section: General Business</p> <p>No. 4</p>	<p>Originating Department:</p> <p>City Manager's Office</p>
<p>Item: Town Hall Style Discussion Pertaining to a Proposed Solar Redevelopment Project to be Located at 1555 North Marion Street</p> <p>No. 4.1</p>	<p>Approved:</p>

Background:

Members of the public have requested the Carbondale City Council hold a Town Hall style discussion on the proposed Solar Energy Generating Facility to be located at the former Koppers Wood-Treatment site located at 1555 North Marion Street.

The focus of the Town Hall style meeting format is to provide a forum to discuss the potential solar redevelopment project. Representatives from Brightfields Development LLC, Beazer East (Koppers) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency are present to participate in a question and answer session.

Previous public discussions have been held since Brightfields Development submitted an application for a Special Use Permit to allow the construction of a solar energy generating facility in August 2013. In September of 2013, the Carbondale Planning Commission conducted a public hearing and voted (4-yes, 2-no) to recommend approval of the Special Use Permit request.

At the October 8, 2013, Carbondale City Council meeting, the Council voted to defer action on the item until a minimum of two informational meetings could be held on the northeast side of Carbondale to provide residents an opportunity to discuss the matter further. The two meetings were held on July 30 and December 18, 2014.

Following the reading of the agenda item and introductions of the representatives from Brightfields, Beazer East and the US EPA, the meeting will be turned over to John Washburn, who will serve as a facilitator for the Town Hall style discussion. This will allow the City Council to be included in the overall discussion.

Recommended Action:

The City Council is requested to hold a Town Hall style discussion pertaining to a Proposed Solar Redevelopment Project to be located at 1555 North Marion Street. No formal action is anticipated at this meeting. Brightfields Development has requested the Special Use Permit be placed on a March City Council agenda at which time the City Council will decide whether to approve or deny the request.

<p>Engineering Approval Obtained</p>	<p>Finance Approval Obtained</p>	<p>Legal Approval Obtained</p>	<p>Approval Obtained</p>	<p>Manager's Approval Obtained</p>
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