

MINUTES
City of Carbondale Sustainability Commission
Thursday, April 19, 2012
City Hall / Civic Center – 6:00 p.m.

1. **Roll Call:** Mr. Wodika called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.
- Members Present:** Mr. Wodika, Ms. Pimentel, Mr. Stewardson, Mr. Kunath, Mr. Beck, Mr. Monty and Ms. Elsenbrock
- Members Absent:** Mr. Bracewell, Mr. Thorne and Mr. Monk
- Staff Present:** John Wallace
- Others Present:** Audrey Wagner, Makayla Trotter, Emily Hanson, Ann Gaylord, Daisy Pimentel, Bailey Obermiller, Kaley Bowers, Tevis McCallister, Gavin Perry, Nick Harrelson, Octavius Morris, Robert Goodin, Elizabeth Shappard, Brandi Dang, Marie Dang, Chris Williams, Selena Barone, Mohamed Khagai, Deion Walker, Austin Miller, Cody Lennon and Datrell Neal

2. **Minutes:**

Motion by Elsenbrock, second by Kunath to approve the March 22, 2012, minutes. Approved unanimously.

3. **Communications:**

Audrey Wagner and Makayla Trotter were introduced to members and welcomed as new appointments to the commission for May.

Emily Hanson, Community Forester with SIU spoke to the commission about her desire to have a tree ordinance presented to council with details such as licensing and registration for tree workers and specifics on maintenance and pruning of trees along with recommended types of trees. She is working with the City's Arborist on this plan. It was agreed that the City Code needed to be reviewed. A site plan ordinance is in effect that has certain tree requirements as well.

Review of the March, 2012 Status Report of the Former Koppers Wood-Treating Site. The commission missed the March site visit by Arcadis, Beazer and Green Earth. Another visit will likely take place with City officials and Beazer in June and commissioners will have the opportunity to be involved.

4. **Old Business:**

Energy Committee – Energy Aggregation has been the focus of the committee and Wodika presented a draft for comments and input on a recommendation to present to City Council to place a voter initiative on the November ballot in support of City residents adopting energy aggregation. The City Attorney will be consulted regarding the wording and timing of the resolution for Council.

Bike Path /Green Space Committee – Still no word on the outcome of the SIU Green Fund Proposal for the SIUC/Carbondale Bike and Pedestrian Path submitted in March. The City is in

negotiations with the Canadian National Railroad to acquire several parcels of real estate to secure ownership of the land for the planned pathway.

Recycling Committee – Discussions continue on options for apartments to recycle . Jackson county health Dept. is conducting a survey on recycling at several apartment complexes in Carbondale. 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.

Chicken Ordinance Revisited – Two licenses have been issued. 13 residents have applied for licenses. Two licenses have been issued while the other applicants have not yet been granted licenses.

5. **New Business:**

Hydraulic Fracturing for oil and gas development was discussed. Kunath wants to bring the issue before Council because the process has little or no regulations in the state yet poses environmental hazards to land outside of Carbondale but in nearby southern Illinois counties.

6. **Adjournment:**

With no further business to be conducted Chairman Wodika adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.

Respectively submitted by John B. Wallace, City of Carbondale Staff Liaison