

MINUTES
City of Carbondale Sustainability Commission
Thursday, May 17, 2012
City Hall / Civic Center – 6:00 p.m.

1. **Roll Call:** Mr. Wodika called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.
- Members Present:** Mr. Wodika, Ms. Pimentel, Mr. Stewardson, , Mr. Beck, Mr. Bobell
- Members Absent:** Mr. Bracewell, Mr. Thorne and Mr. Monk, Mr. Monty
- Staff Present:** John Wallace and Loren Polley
- Others Present:** Makayla Trotter, Sarah Heyer, Kris Schachel

Minutes: Motion by Mr. Stewardson, second by Mr. Wodika to approve the April 19, 2012, minutes. Approved unanimously.

2. **Communications:**

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. Needed a check for June's visit.

3. **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. The energy aggregation was voted on. Motion by Mr. Stewardson, second by Ms. Pimentel, all in favor.

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. There has been some developments on the bicycle trail that I wanted to share. Chris Wallace and the City's Planning Division has recently completed another grant proposal for the bicycle/pedestrian path. It is an Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) proposal, which is through IDOT. The proposal is asking for a grant of \$335,950. As part of the proposal, matching funds include the \$66,000 already committed from the university (the SIU green fund grant) and the city is committing another \$84,000 . If the proposal is successful, it will complete Phase I of the project (which will result in the development of the path and green space extending from Mill Street to Main Street). Phase II would take place after the completion of phase I, connecting the path from Mill St. to the SIU overpass. We hope know whether the proposal was successful sometime in

October, which is when the grants are scheduled to be awarded. If it is unsuccessful, City plans remain to impliment the project, albeit at a slower pace.

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. A possible Styrofoam ban was mentioned.

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.

4. **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.

5. **Adjournment:**

With no further business to be conducted Chairman Wodika adjourned the meeting at 7:38 PM.

Respectively submitted by Loren K. Polley, City of Carbondale Staff Liaison