

MINUTES
City of Carbondale Sustainability Commission
Thursday, November 15, 2012
City Hall / Civic Center – 6:00 p.m.

1. **Roll Call:** Mr. Wodika called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.
- Members Present:** Ms. Romaine Wagner, Mr. Wodika, Mr. Beck, Mr. Kunath, Ms. Trotter
- Members Absent:** Mr. Stewardson, Ms. Pimental, Mr. Monty, Mr. Bobell, Mr. Thorne
- Staff Present:** Loren Polley
- Others Present:** Also present were seven students of an SIUC Government Class.

Minutes: Motion by Mr. Beck, all in favor, or approval of October 18, 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. This must be brought to the public’s attention as soon as possible.

Bike Path /Green Space Committee Ms. Romaine-Wagner brought a proposed 5.7 mile bike path to the Commission’s attention. 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. A bike path to the Superblock water park was also mentioned. Need safe paths around town. Need a good and solid comprehensive plan. Need more input on where to properly place bike lanes or paths. 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. A possible Styrofoam ban was mentioned. Need a proposal to the council on the Governor’s ban 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. Wodika adjourned the meeting at 7:11 PM.
6. Respectively submitted by Loren K. Polley, City of Carbondale Staff Liaison