

**MINUTES**  
**City of Carbondale Sustainability Commission**  
**Thursday, October 18, 2012**  
**City Hall / Civic Center – 6:00 p.m.**

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

**Others Present:**

**Minutes:** Motion by Mr. Wodika, all unanimous, to approve the September 20, 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.

**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. 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. A student has been struck around the Don Taco area while on a bicycle. Received a ticket for riding on sidewalk. Apparently this student is available to talk with the Commission and/or Subcommittee. Tree Committee may be merged as a part of this subcommittee.

**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. All in favor of requesting the survey. 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. Mr. Kunnath made up a draft letter for the business recycling collaboration of Jimmy Johns, Stix, Wise Guys, Hangar, etc. A Styrofoam representative would like to come and explain how Styrofoam is a “good thing”. Mr. Bobell told the Commission that CCHS is increasing the use of plastic in order to alleviate the use of Styrofoam in the schools. Mr. Kunath also met with the Supervisor of Refuse and Recycling, Mr. Loren Polley and the Maintenance and Environmental Services Manager, Mr. Robert Hardin, to discuss the City of Carbondale’s position on the recycling of the businesses mentioned within his proposal letter.

4. **New Business:** Subcommittee meetings are moved to the first Thursday of the month. Recommend to city council about energy aggregation company presentations at a council meeting.

5. **Adjournment:**

With no further business to be conducted Mr. Wodika adjourned the meeting at 7:07 PM.

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