



## **CARBONDALE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION**

Thursday August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - 5:00PM

The Carbondale Civic Center – Room 103  
200 S. Illinois Avenue, Carbondale IL

### **AGENDA**

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- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call**
- 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes:** July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- 3. Citizen Comments and Questions**
- 4. Presentations**
- 5. Report of Officers, Committees, and Communications**
  - a. Sustainability Coordinator Monthly Progress Report (L. Becker, attached)
  - b. Federal, State, and Local Policy Landscape Report (J. Cogie)
  - c. Former Koppers Wood Treatment Site Report (A. Beck)
- 6. Old Business**
- 7. New Business**

Discussion on Legislative Priorities for the Carbondale Sustainability Commission
- 8. Announcements**
- 9. Adjournment**

Voting Members:

	Present	Absent	Comment
Treesong (Chair)			
Aur Beck (Vice Chair)			
Jane Cogie		x	Excused
Kevin Clark			
Sarah Heyer			
Yoonseo Jung (CCHS Student)			
Isaac Ludington (SIU Student)			
Gayle Klam			
Joan Davis			

Ex Officio Members:

	Present	Absent
Vacant		

City Staff:

	Present	Absent
Lauren Becker (Staff Liaison)	x	

Community Members Present:



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**MINUTES**

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Voting Members:

	Present	Absent	Comment
Treesong (Chair)	x		
Aur Beck (Vice Chair)	x		
Jane Cogie	x		
Kevin Clark	x		
Sarah Heyer	x		
Yoonseo Jung (Student)		x	Excused
Isaac Ludington (Student)		x	Excused
Gayle Klam		x	Excused
Joan Davis	x		

Ex Officio Members:

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Vacant		

City Staff:

	Present	Absent
Lauren Becker (Staff Liaison)	x	

Community Members Present: Tom Grant, Councilmember Hill

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call (5:03pm)**
2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Minutes edited to reflect A. Beck’s excusal (A. Beck moved, K. Clark seconded)
3. **Citizen Comments and Questions**
4. **Presentations**  
  
The City Sustainability Webpage is Live! A Sustainability Commission Review of Community-facing Video Guide on Pollinator-supportive Landscaping in our Community
5. **Report of Officers, Committees, and Communications**
  - a. Sustainability Coordinator Monthly Progress Report (L. Becker, attached)
  - b. Federal, State, and Local Policy Landscape Report (J. Cogie, attached)
  - c. Former Koppers Wood Treatment Site Report (A. Beck, no updates)
6. **Old Business (None)**

**7. New Business** (None)

**8. Announcements**

J. Cogie shares the Listen Lead Share is currently in the planning process at that the Shawnee Group of the Sierra Club will host L. Becker as a guest speaker August 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Township Hall.

S. Heyer shares that Mike Baltz is the new Executive Director of Keep Carbondale Beautiful and that the CEJA Networking Fair will be held July 26<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm at the Carbondale Civic Center. Keep Carbondale Beautiful is seeking members. The Shawnee National Forest Board is seeking members.

**9. Adjournment** (6:16pm, J. Cogie moved to adjourn. J. Davis seconded. Chair Treesong ensured unanimous consent)

Unapproved

Good afternoon everyone,

The following will serve as my Sustainability Coordinator report of progress for the month of July 2023. As always please don't hesitate to reach out with questions and comments.

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  5. City Sustainability Commission
  6. Jackson County Communities LEAP Community Coalition
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1. Uncategorized Updates
    - Continued regular check-ins with Wade Halva, Faith in Place
    - Continued regular check-ins with Justin Harrell, SIU Facilities & Energy Maintenance
    - Continued bi-weekly check-in with Gary Williams, City Manager
    - Began monthly check-ins with John Gardner, UW-Milwaukee Sustainability Director
    - Guest at the Faith in Place Youth Program held at First Christian Church in Carbondale (7/6)
    - Attended “The Stories We Tell Ourselves: How Narratives are Steering Community Development” (7/12)
    - Met with Mike Baltz, newly hired Keep Carbondale Beautiful Executive Director, to discuss potential collaboration and cooperation in KCB/City vision for Carbondale (7/21)
    - Attended the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act Workforce Hubs Networking Event held at the Civic Center by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) (7/26)
    - Attended NREL SLOPE Workshop 1 – Scenario Planner, which will provide Jackson County wide data to be referenced by the City of Carbondale and the wider C-LEAP team (7/27)
  2. Energy Sovereignty, Security, & Democracy Proposal
    - Met with Rachael Young of the Just Transition Fund to discuss the proposal and whether or not we are a suitable candidate for the JTF “Application Ready” Grant (7/5)
    - Attended Midwest Climate Collaborative (MCC) “Federal Funding Friday” (7/7)
    - Held collaborative check in with Economic Development colleagues Steve Mitchell and Cody Lueker to establish partnership in proposal pursuit (7/7)
    - Received word that the City of Carbondale, in partnership with the Jackson County community the Village of Dowell, is one of only sixty-seven winners nationally in the first phase of the US Department of Energy’s \$6.7M Energizing Rural Communities Prize. This prize challenges individuals and organizations to develop partnership and financing strategies to improve rural and remote communities’ energy systems and advance clean energy demonstration projects. Each of the awardees will receive \$100,000, in-kind-mentorship services, and eligibility to compete in phase two of the prize to win an additional \$200,000.
    - Attended the Energizing Rural Communities Prize Payments Webinar (7/18)
    - Met with Lawyers 4 Good Government regarding the development of the first draft of the Scope of Work (7/18)

- Attended the Illinois Finance Authority (IFA) Illinois Climate Bank (ICB) UW EPA Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) Solar for All Stakeholder Engagement Session 1 (7/20)
  - Met with Ken Anderson (SIU Advanced Energy Institute) and Justin Harrell (SIU FEM) to provide Summer 2023 updates on the Energy Sovereignty, Security, & Democracy Proposal (7/20)
  - Checked in with Lawyers 4 Good Government to review the first working draft of the Scope of Work (7/20)
  - Met with Maria Woodman of Rock Creek Group – an investment firm tasked by the Illinois State Treasurer’s Office to with the asset management of \$1B to improve sustainable outcomes of the state through support of companies, transformative projects, and the like focused on the energy transition and economic development. During this conversation, Maria communicated that the proposal we’re pursuing is exactly how the elective pay provision of the IRA should be leveraged. (7/21)
  - Tagged-up with Scott Carron, NREL technical assistance provider, on agrivoltaics (7/26)
  - Held first whole-team check in at Penny’s Perks in Dowell, IL - Including Economic Development. During this conversation, it was established that Dowell will hire a project manager, whom I will work with in a mirror position, representing our two communities. This project manager will be hired following DCEO Energy Communities Transition Funding award. Once the project manager has been hired, we will negotiate an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) and the L4GG SOW. In the meantime, the budget adjustment necessary to accept the ERC prize will go to City Council August 22<sup>nd</sup> and the transfer of funds to the Village of Dowell will immediately follow. (7/27)
  - Checked in with Jeff Davis, Finance Director to confirm necessary financial paperwork and ensure that the timeline for the budget adjustment is appropriate (7/27)
  - Met with Jamie Snyder, City Attorney to confirm necessary legal paperwork and ensure that the timeline for the Intergovernmental Agreement and Consultant Services is appropriate (7/27)
  - Submitted Just Transition Fund “Application Ready” Grant Application
  - Submitted National Renewable Energy Lab “Clean Energy to Communities (C2C) Expert Match” Application
3. Community Gardens & Pollinator-supportive Landscaping
    - Secured ~800 native plantings from the Gardens for Wildlife fund to be planted this September at the Carbondale Civic Center. Project will be managed by Civic Center Manager Laura Chamness
    - Attended the Food Forest Forum shared on behalf of Trees Forever (7/28)
  4. Stormwater Master Planning
    - Prepared a first draft application for the Delta Regional Authority Strategic Planning Grant to be reviewed by Greater Egypt and the City team.
  5. City Sustainability Commission
    - Held 7/20 meeting
    - Received green light and feedback from the commission on the new City Sustainability webpage and resources

6. Jackson County Communities LEAP Community Coalition

- Met 7/6 and 7/20
- Coordinated inventory of municipal fleet and needs/services required with Fleet Services Manager Ben Hencke