



CARBONDALE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION
Thursday, August 19, 2021
5:00PM-5:55PM (CDT)

NOTE: Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order in response to COVID-19 issued March 16, 2020, this meeting will be held remotely

Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/94662238651?pwd=OHRGSWo4TEFIZFk5aXdYURpVis5dz09>
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AGENDA

1. Call to Order & Roll Call: Introductions Aur Beck, Saxon Metzger, Kevin Clark, Tom Grant, Yoonseo Jung, Jane Cogie, Evan Ewing, Charlie Howe, Sarah Heyer

2. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of June 2021

3. Presentations: None

4. Communications: Former Koppers Wood Treatment Site – Current Status Report.
<https://www.wbez.org/stories/a-tale-of-two-brownfields-in-the-midwest/593b5adc-26a6-4ffb-8d5a-1f67a0ff26c9>

5. Old Business: Long Term Sustainability Plan for the City/Sustainability Action Plan

See amendments below

Solar Projects, City Composting, Green Spot award

ICLEI portal entering information.

The city has joined ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability so we can keep track how our Sustainability Action Plan is going

https://iclei.org/en/Home.html?gclid=Cj0KCQjwhr2FBhDbARIsACjwLo3fxwi1xXxoDQh9DOYmyD49s6CWEbx-Gl6m_BFij57lgetsKTGy1V0aAjwDEALw_wcB

TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR CARBONDALE SUSTAINABILITY FAIR, 8/28/21, 1 to 5 pm, Civic Center

Organized in collaboration with the Regional Resilience Economy project

Official Event Name: Carbondale Community Resilience Fair: Towards a Sustainable Equitable Future

6. New Business:

7. Citizen Comments and Questions:

8. Commission Comments: talked about the new TIF districts

9. Adjournment:

Amendments to Long Term Sustainability Plan for the City/Sustainability Action Plan

POSSIBLE SHORT-TERM CITY-SPECIFIC ACTIONS, TO FORWARD BEFORE PLAN FINALIZED

- **City budget funds for yearly projects, such as EV charging stations (similar to Flagstaff, AZ)**
- **No Styrofoam at events held at Civic Center**
- **Ordinances, including on new construction—such as**

--solar street lights, more permeable driveways, etc.,

--storm water run-off fee or incentive (discount on monthly bill) for

businesses and residents that install Rain garden/rain barrel/permeable pavement/gravel (Duluth, MN = model)

--EV charging station in any new apartment complex of more than three units?

AND Here is some more detail that we might form as a proposal to City Council:

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION TO CITY COUNCIL.

The following are some short-term actions which the City could implement to further these goals.

GOAL of eliminating polystyrene foam

- 1) effective asap, caterers are informed that no styrofoam to be used. (maybe with a 3-month warning, make it stricter - re-usable or compostable)**
- 2) effective asap, no styrofoam in employee lounge or in office coffee stations**
- 3) explore plan and set date to install a dishwasher and purchase re-usable dishes for caterers to use**

GOAL of eliminating use of two-stroke leaf blowers

- 1) educate public and set date after which two-stroke leaf blowers will not be allowed in the city**

GOAL of increasing # of EV charging stations

- 1) effective asap (could be in next budget cycle) City will install EV charging stations at city-owned lots**
- 2) amend building requirements to state that, starting in 2022, larger apartment complexes will be required to have an EV charging station for every 40(?) units.**

GOAL of reducing storm-water run-off

- 1) in next budget, add a storm-water runoff fee based on each property's area of impermeable surface**
- 2) include in that fee incentives for use of rain gardens, bioswales, permeable pavement, or other efforts to reduce runoff**

NOT listed in draft but discussed

GOAL of reducing urban heat effective

- 1) effective asap require all city paving jobs to use lighter alternatives to black asphalt**
- 2) explore changes to ordinances or building codes to reduce use of black asphalt**

GOAL of reducing use of glyphosates and other harmful herbicides

- 1) explore ways to reduce mowing on non-park city property by gardening with native plants**
- 2) explore alternative herbicide measures to inform ordinance change to reduce risk to public from harmful herbicides**
- 3) Encourage public to plant native**