



CARBONDALE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Thursday February 16th, 2023 - 5:00PM

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

MINUTES

Voting Members:

	Present	Absent	Comment
Aur Beck (Chair)		x	Unexcused
Jane Cogie	x		
Kevin Clark	x		
Sarah Heyer	x		
Yoonseo Jung (Student)		x	Excused – Mandatory Rehearsal
Isaac Ludington (Student)	x		
Treesong	x		
Gayle Klam	x		

Ex Officio Members:

	Present	Absent
Tom Grant (City Councilmember)	x	

City Staff:

	Present	Absent
Lauren Becker (Staff Liaison)	x	

Community Members Present: Bill Sasso

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call (5:08pm)**
2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** February 16th, 2023 (K. Clark moved, Treesong seconded – Interim Cogie ensured unanimous consent)
3. **Citizen Comments and Questions** (B. Sasso expressed interest in seeing what the Commission does)
4. **Presentations**

Welcome and onboarding of new commission member, Gayle Klam (introduction, questions)

(G. Klam shared why she chose to apply to join the commission, her history as a community member for over 50 years. She has a history of civic involvement especially related to water quality.)

(Discussion of historic interest in privatization of City of Carbondale potable water supply ensued.)

5. **Report of Officers, Committees, and Communications**
 - a. Sustainability Coordinator Monthly Progress Report (L. Becker, attached)
 - i. S. Heyer asks for further details surrounding possible City of Carbondale Stormwater Master

Plan in preparation for increased velocity, volume, and frequency of intense stormwater events. Liaison Becker shares that pending City Council approval, staff are in conversation with the Greater Egypt Regional Planning Commission regarding application to the EPA's 604(b) grant as a funding source for this resiliency planning.

- ii. S. Heyer asks "To do what?" Liaison Becker shares it's a planning grant – so it would focus primarily on inventorying existing assets and preparing for stormwater-related climate changes using tools such as code, best management practices, and infrastructure improvements.
- iii. Commission members provide context on where we experience flooding in our community.
- iv. Commission members provide context surrounding existing Greater Egypt Watershed Plans.
- v. S. Heyer asks "Can you remind us what LEAP is?" Liaison Becker shares that Jackson County was awarded technical assistance through the Department of Energy's "Communities LEAP" program that helps our County create a roadmap to economic recovery and community prosperity through the Just Clean Energy Transition. This technical assistance is through the National Renewable Energy Lab (NREL). Both J. Cogie and K. Clark serve as stakeholders. We are awaiting approval of our Scope of Work (SOW)

- b. Federal, State, and Local Policy Landscape Report (J. Cogie, attached)
- c. Former Koppers Wood Treatment Site Report (A. Beck)

6. Old Business

7. New Business

City of Carbondale Proclamation - Earth Day 2023

S. Heyer introduced and read aloud the draft Proclamation
Noted striking the second "Whereas" in the last clause

8. Announcements

9. Adjournment (6:03pm S. Heyer motions to adjourn Interim Cogie ensures unanimous consent)