

**CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION
Council Chambers, Urbana City Building and Zoom Meeting
Tuesday, October 5, 2021**

Commissioners Present: Tomas Delgado, Maddy Garbacz, Stacy Gloss, Jessica Lehmkuhl, Andrew Stumpf, Morgan White, Grace Wilken

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Scott Tess

Call to Order, Roll Call, and Declaration of Quorum

Chair Gloss called the meeting to order, a roll was called and a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

Commission Member Lehmkuhl motioned to approve the minutes from the September 2021 meeting, as amended. Commission Member White seconded the motion. Roll call vote to approve motion, Commission unanimously approved.

Commission Member White motioned to approve the minutes from the August 3, 2021 meeting, as amended. Commission Member Delgado seconded the motion. Roll call vote to approve motion, Commission unanimously approved.

Public Input

No public input at this time.

Vote to Keep Closed Session Verbatim Recording Confidential

Commission Member White motioned to keep the closed session verbatim recording confidential from the August 3, 2021 meeting. Commission Member Stumpf seconded the motion. Roll call vote to approve motion, Commission unanimously approved.

Staff Report

Champaign County Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) Program

This program is now open for applications. The City is working to share information on the opportunity with commercial property owners.

Closed Landfill

Through a vendor, staff has removed woody vegetation at one corner of the entrance road to the Landscape Recycling Center on the City's closed landfill. This effort will increase visibility and create a mowable condition which will be easier to maintain.

Closed Session

Following a closed session, "a determination shall be made, and reported in an open session that (1) the need for confidentiality still exists as to all or part of those minutes or (2) that the minutes or portions thereof no longer require confidential treatment and are available for public inspection."

Landfill Solar

The Low Income Community Solar array at the closed landfill will be energized soon. Staff is now preparing a new request for qualifications for landfill solar developers for the balance of unused land at the closed landfill. The land remaining is sub-optimal for solar development as it has significant slopes, trees, and other woody vegetation. It is uncertain whether these spaces will receive any bids and whether bids will convert to leases.

Landscape Recycling Center

Staff will be submitting a renewal application this month to the Illinois Environmental Protection Division for operation of a compost facility.

Public Engagement

Staff spoke about decarbonizing with geothermal energy at a webinar organized by the Illinois Geothermal Coalition. Staff co-hosted a Solar Power Hour with Solar Urbana-Champaign.

Sustainability Advisory Commission

The Commission has an open seat. An application is posted at <https://www.urbanaininois.us/sites/default/files/attachments/Fillable Board Application 0.pdf>. Members are appointed by the Mayor.

Next Sustainability Advisory Commission Meeting

December 7 at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers at the Urbana City Building or via Zoom.

Update on Campus and Community Resilience Team at University

Chair Gloss provided an update on the Illinois Climate Action Plan (ICAP). Commission Member White gave a background on ICAP. A discussion ensued.

Unfinished Business**Discussion about goal setting and prioritizing goals for diversity, equity, inclusion and justice related to community environmental sustainability.**

Commission Members Lehmkuhl shared the jam board that the Commission has been working on in previous meetings.

Announcements

October is Campus Sustainability Month. The Association for Sustainability in Higher Education (ASHE) has partnered with the University Student Sustainability Council to host month-long Sustainability Summit, beginning with Green Quad Day on Thursday, October 7, 2021.

Annual Campus Sustainability Celebration is on October 20, 2021 at the NCSA Building near the North Campus Parking Deck.

October is also Energy Efficiency Month, kicking off with Energy Efficiency Day.

Adjournment

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned. This meeting was recorded.