

CITY OF URBANA SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION

DATE: Tuesday, March 05, 2024

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: 400 South Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801

MINUTES - UNAPPROVED

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

- 1. Chair Westawker called the meeting to order; a roll was called; and a quorum was present.
- 2. Commissioners present: Luke Westawker, Andrew Stumpf, Morgan White, Grace Wilken, Jessica Lemkuhl
- 3. Commissioners joined by phone:
- 4. Commissioners absent:

B. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

1. February 6, 2024 Minutes - Minutes were moved by Wilken with an amendment that public comment be added to the minutes, seconded by White, all in favor.

C. Public Input

D. Presentations

1. Staff Report – Scott Tess gave updates on bulk solar and geo programs and presented preliminary annual data. Commissioners proposed various ways to represent electricity self generation.

E. Unfinished Business

F. New Business

- Discussion Mayor-City Council Strategic Goals for 2024-2025 Commissioners discussed the draft Mayor and Council goals. Commissioners requested to send a letter or memo to the Mayor and City Council recommending:
 - i. Pursue the implementation of a plastic bag tax as previously recommended by the Sustainability Advisory Commission. Moved by Lemkuhl, seconded by White, all in favor.
 - ii. Add FTE arbor technician and vehicle for adequate tree maintenance to maintain current urban canopy status and decrease vacant tree sites. Moved by
 - iii. Implement sustainability improvements in City facility capital projects, such as geothermal heating and photovoltaic solar installations.

G. Adjournment