

MINUTES
CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY

Tuesday, November 12, 2013
6:00 pm McCloskey Room, City Hall, 401 North Morton Street

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 10, 2013

Roll Call:

Members present: David Parkhurst, Gary Charbonneau, Maggie Sullivan, Jeff Jewel, Molly O'Donnell, Cynthia Schultz, Rita Drescher, Claire Cumberland, Andrea Jobe

Regrets: Bill Brown, Ashley Cranor, Randy Cassady, David Rollo, Jacqui Bauer

Co-Chair Jeff Jewel called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

Announcements:

- Molly
 - Facility Managers Meeting for "Chasing Sacred Air" in faith communities on December 4th. Meeting will be held to discuss air leakage.
 - Citizens Climate Lobby had initial meetings with 29 attending first and 23 attending second. Herald Times Sunday editorial came out recently supporting idea of carbon tax and dividend, which would tax carbon at source allowing households get money returned.
 - Hoosier Interfaith Power and Light part-time job posting. Resumes and cover letters should be sent to SeventhDayInitiative@gmail.com or contact Molly.

Approval of Minutes:

The October 2013 minutes were unanimously approved as written.

Co-housing Development Commission Statement (David Parkhurst and Marion Sinclair):

- Marion Sinclair: Before filing, project needs clarification on emergency access road vs. two way street with sidewalks that residents collectively do not want.
- Has met with mayor and Tom Micuda, with the Bloomington Planning Department, and is working to provide them more information with hopes to file at beginning of 2014.
- Dave P. and Marion have drafted the supporting Commission Statement and would like to send it to City Council and Planning Commission.
- Molly O. and Jeff J. will sign statement on behalf of commission. Group agrees and puts into motion.

Report from the Co-Chair:

Molly O. discussed the STAR community sustainability ranking system. Each BCOS member is being asked to select a category, and to track the various types of data associated with each topic. They are also asked to help publicize the community's performance to the public. Next steps include narrowing down each category, filling in the gaps on the matrix, and working with community and other members towards completion. Molly is sending members a link to access the files with Google Docs.

Commission membership: There is a new member opening on BCOS for mayoral appointment. Looking for someone with an education background or education experience to recommend to the mayor. Another option is to look at gaps in the STAR Community matrix.

Committee Reports

- Environment Commission Planning Committee:
 - No report at this meeting
- Green business certification committee update:
 - Jeff J. had initial meeting with a member of BIRA (BLOOMINGTON INDEPENDENT RESTAURANT ASSOC.) and is in the process of reviewing green dining material. Bloomington won't have to reinvent the wheel to accomplish our own plan.
- Imagine Bloomington update:
 - Working through public input and committee will be picking back up at first of next year.
- GRI Report
 - Cynthia S. announces that the GRI Report is finished.
 - Next steps will be to write an annual report present to City Council. Molly will draft the report and share with the BCOS leadership team. Jacqui will set a date to present during the public comment section during an open Council meeting.
- Geography Colloquium
 - David P. reports that the recent "Dietary Choices and Global Warming" presentation was a success. Topics such as eating organic and local, and sustainable food projects happening at four US universities were discussed.

New Business:

No new business.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned 6:30 pm