

**MINUTES  
CITY OF BLOOMINGTON  
COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY**

Tuesday, 8 April 2014  
6:00 pm McCloskey Room, City Hall, 401 North Morton Street

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, May 13, 2014

**Roll Call:**

Members present: Molly O'Donnell, Andrea Jobe, Maggie Sullivan, Jana McGee, David Rollo, Gary Charbonneau

Regrets: Bill Brown, Randy Cassady, David Parkhurst, Claire Cumberland, Jeff Jewel, Ashley Cranor, Cynthia Schultz

Staff: Jacqui Bauer

Public: Carissa Moncavage, Environmental Commission

Co-chair Molly O'Donnell called the meeting to order at **6:07** pm.

**Public Comment**

None

**Announcements**

The Local Growers Guild Barn Dance will be this coming Saturday.

**Approval of minutes** Approval of the minutes was postponed due to lack of a quorum.

**Discussion of support for the minimum wage legislation**

Because of the short time frame, the BCOS leadership made the decision to sign on to a letter supporting legislation that would increase the minimum wage.

**Report from the Chair**

STAR Communities – Molly, Jacqui and Jana met after the last meeting to talk about the STAR Communities effort. Molly suggested a mid-month meeting to discuss progress and next steps.

Maggie mentioned that she and Andrea have made progress on the green infrastructure section, but would like input on how far they should proceed.

Jacqui will send a Doodle poll to set up a discussion.

**Report from the Sustainability Coordinator**

*Civil Streets* – The City is working with the police department, Bloomington Transit and others to deploy the Civil Streets Initiative, intended to target unsafe behaviors by road users. BPD officers are on the street this week to educate and enforce traffic laws, particularly focused on cyclists. The campaign will also work be installing posters on all Bloomington Transit buses and exterior ads on campus buses in the next couple of weeks. Volunteers are needed this week to help share information with downtown businesses and to pass out information at the Farmers Market.

*Georgetown University Energy Prize* – the City is working with Monroe County Government to submit a letter of intent and application to the GUEP competition. There will be a public call out meeting next

week, on April 14 from noon to 1pm, in the North Showers Annex, Room 100b to share information on the competition and seek partners in the community.

### **Committee reports**

*Environmental Commission Planning Committee:* Dave R. was not able to attend this month. However, he did attend the Plan Commission last night and the co-housing proposal was passed. We may want to revisit the proposal in relation to the extension of Short Street to prevent any potential conflicts with children at the Montessori School or others in the neighborhood.

*Imagine Bloomington:* Gary summarized a statement on the limits of growth and peak oil concerns that was shared with the Planning Department as part of the Imagine Bloomington process. Dave R. noted that the current paradigm relies on perpetual growth to support the financial system and the economy.

Molly noted that the approach of Earth Care and Hoosier Interfaith Power and Light is to consider climate change an ethical and civil rights issue. A great deal of progress could be made just by adopting best practices for building efficiency.

The City's response should be to build resilience into all aspects of planning and operations.

### **New Business**

Maggie and Andrea have discovered through the STAR Communities effort that there is not currently a green infrastructure plan for the city. Maggie would be interested in taking this on as a future activity, perhaps in conjunction with the Environmental Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.