

**MINUTES
CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY**

Tuesday, June 10, 2014
6:00 pm Kelly Room, City Hall, 401 North Morton Street

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 8, 2014

Roll Call:

Members present: Molly O'Donnell, Jana McGee, Maggie Sullivan, Gary Charbonneau, Jessica Pittman, Bill Brown, Joe Kielar (new member), Cynthia Schultz, Ashley Cranor

Regrets: David Rollo, Jeff Jewell, Claire Cumberland, Andrea Jobe, Randy Cassady

Staff: Jacqui Bauer, Kathleen DeBrot

Members of the public: one member of the public was in attendance

Chair Molly O'Donnell called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

New member Joe Kielar was introduced.

Public comment

No public comment

Announcements:

Molly working to revive the local chapter of the US Green Building Council, and is looking for recommendations on who to invite to get involved.

SIREN will host a Going Solar event on June 12.

Discardia will be hosting Mending Day at the library this coming Saturday.

The Center for Sustainable Living will host their annual picnic on June 22.

Approval of Minutes:

The April and May minutes were approved unanimously.

STAR Communities update

Kathleen DeBrot, one of two new interns working on the STAR Communities effort, gave an update on what she and Carissa Knox have been working on so far. She has gotten started going through specific topics and gathering information, and is working now on Food Access & Nutrition. Carissa is working on Invasive Species.

Molly suggested that others on the commission commit to sections, and possibly pair up to work together if possible.

Report from the Chair

Georgetown University Energy Prize – Molly drafted a support letter as part of the application for this competition among communities nationwide to implement energy efficiency plans and asked for comments.

Report from the Sustainability Coordinator

Georgetown University Energy Prize – the application is due on June 30. The team is looking for support letters from IU, local organizations, and others. Jacqui will share a template letter. Maggie said the Center for Sustainable Living may be willing to sign on.

Focus is on residential and municipal energy use, but the goal is to develop a plan that also addresses commercial and institutional use.

Other possible partners: the Chamber of Commerce

H2H update – Jacqui noted that volunteers are needed this Wednesday and Friday to help remove the “Bag and Tag” items from the residence halls.

Committee reports

STAR committee report: See above.

Environmental Commission Planning Committee: No report this month.

New business:

Speakers for July will include a presentation on an effort to revive Bioneers in Bloomington, and a presentation by Andrea Jobe on rooftop gardens.

The August presenter will tentatively be Steve Wyatt from Bloomington Restorations Inc.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.