

**MINUTES
CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY**

Tuesday, July 8, 2014
6:00 pm Kelly Room, City Hall, 401 North Morton Street

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 12, 2014

Roll Call:

Members present: Molly O'Donnell, Jana McGee, Gary Charbonneau, Jessica Pittman, Joe Kielar, Andrea Jobe, Jeff Jewel, Bill Brown, Cynthia Schultz

Regrets: David Rollo, Claire Cumberland, Randy Cassady, Maggie Sullivan

Staff: Jacqui Bauer, Carissa Knox

Members of the public:

Chair Jeff Jewell called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Public comment

No public comment

Announcements:

Jeff announced that Principle 6 is now incorporated in Minnesota and Jeff is the vice president of the board of directors.

Ashley Cranor resigned her position with the county so we will need a new appointment from the county.

Andrea is looking for someone else to take on leadership of the Middle Way House rooftop garden.

Bill will be riding with the Climate Action bike team for the Sycamore Land Trust, and they will have a fundraising brunch on Sunday.

Approval of Minutes:

The June minutes were approved unanimously.

Presentation on bringing Bioneers back to Bloomington

Teddie Mower introduced the effort to bring Bioneers back to Bloomington. She was involved in the Bloomington effort in 2002, and then went instituted the effort in Louisville. The basic philosophy of the event is to learn from nature to solve our sustainability challenges. The focus is more on action than just listening. The theme this year will be growing the movement and how to get there, and she hopes to get participants thinking about what happens after the event.

The event will include a Pechakucha activity (similar to Ignite) to recruit interest in different efforts proposed by participants. Speakers will include Naomi Klein, Wallace Nichols, Terry Tempest Williams and several others. More information is at

www.bioneers.org or www.bluegrassbioneers.org. The local effort will be called Hoosier Bioneers, and will take place October 24-26.

Teddie is seeking support from BCOS for the effort.

Presentation by Andrea Jobe on rooftop gardens

Andrea reviewed a number of rooftop gardens throughout the country, including the garden at the Middle Way House New Wings facility. Other locations included:

- Battery Park Rooftop Garden in Asheville NC
- Hell's Kitchen Farm Project, Manhattan, NY
- COOKFOX Architects, Manhattan, NY
- Higher Ground Farm, Boston, MA
- Bread for the City, Washington, DC
- The Plant – Urban Canopy, Chicago, IL

Report from the Chair

STAR Communities – Carissa and Kathleen are continuing to work on an initial review of what data and activities we have and what we're missing. The goal is to conclude an initial review of all topics by the end of the summer.

Molly is continuing to work on the Compact & Complete Communities. Gwen White, who worked with Cynthia on the Global Reporting Initiative, may be able to have her class work on gathering STAR info in the fall.

Georgetown University Energy Prize –

The Residential Committee met today for the first time. Initially, the group will focus on gathering info on existing energy use, existing energy programs, and examples of plans from other communities. Molly suggested that we might present our findings to BCOS in August to get feedback.

Report from the Sustainability Coordinator

H2H update – Jacqui shared flyers on how to donate to the Hoosier to Hoosier Sale and asked everyone to share them widely.

Jacqui also discussed a recent trip to Minneapolis, where she used the Nice Ride bikeshare system and extensive bike infrastructure.

Committee reports

STAR committee report: See above.

Environmental Commission Planning Committee: No report this month.

Imagine Bloomington Committee: No updates

New business:

For next meeting: Bloomington Restorations Inc. presentation and update on findings from the Georgetown Energy Prize committees.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.