

**MINUTES  
CITY OF BLOOMINGTON  
COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY**

Tuesday, August 12, 2014  
6:00 pm Kelly Room, City Hall, 401 North Morton Street

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, September 9, 2014

**Roll Call:**

Members present: Jana McGee, Gary Charbonneau, Jessica Pittman, Joe Kielar, Andrea Jobe, Jeff Jewell, Bill Brown, Cynthia Schultz, Maggie Sullivan

Regrets: David Rollo, Randy Cassady, Molly O'Donnell

Staff: Jacqui Bauer

Members of the public: None

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

**Public comment**

No public comment

**Announcements:**

Jacqui announced that Claire Cumberland has stepped down from the commission, so there is a vacancy. The county ex-officio position also needs to be filled.

Andrea noted that Middle Way House is still looking for a rooftop garden coordinator.

Hoosier Bioneers is still planned for October. The Center for Sustainable Living is setting up a "skillshare" to give people an opportunity to share skills with others in the community. Examples could be raising chickens, canning, making biodiesel, etc.

Gar Alperowitz, an expert in social justice, will be in town soon and Jeff is trying to set up an opportunity for him to speak in the community.

The IU committee to divest from fossil fuels has reached out to the commission for support. Jeff will reach out to them to see if they can come to a future meeting.

Habitat will be starting work on their B-Line neighborhood in the next 8 weeks, and will be hosting a community meeting on August 26, 5:30-6:30 at the public library.

Jacqui mentioned that JB's Salvage has again submitted a proposal to have a trash and recycling transfer station at their location, but does not know details.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The July minutes were approved unanimously.

**Report from the Chair**

*STAR Communities –*

Work continues on the STAR Communities data collection effort. Jacqui will send Kathleen's contact info to Maggie and Andrea so they can possibly work with her to move to another topic area.

#### *Georgetown University Energy Prize –*

The joint City of Bloomington/Monroe County proposal to compete in the Georgetown University Energy Prize has been accepted into the quarterfinals. The team will now proceed with developing an energy plan, due by November 10.

#### **Report from the Sustainability Coordinator**

*Planning and Transportation Department* – The Engineering (formerly in Public Works) and Planning Departments have been merged to create the new Planning & Transportation Department. The hope is that this will streamline transportation planning and implementation processes.

*H2H update* – Volunteers are needed to prep and host the sale, coming up on August 23-24. People can sign up at [h2h.indiana.edu](http://h2h.indiana.edu) or by emailing [h2h@indiana.edu](mailto:h2h@indiana.edu).

#### **Committee reports**

*Environmental Commission:* Andrea attended the last meeting of the EC. The commission is considering a campaign to ban plastic bags that might be of interest. They also recently completed a greenspace report that was presented at the meeting. Andrea will share some of their comments on bike and pedestrian safety as well.

The committee to discuss the Monroe County Urbanizing Area Plan had a recent meeting. Jeff will give a report on this next time since he was unable to attend this meeting.

#### **New business:**

Maggie proposed a social event for commission members to socialize outside of meeting times.

Joe is doing the House to Home Show on the WGCL, and suggested it could be a venue for sharing information on the Georgetown Energy Prize effort. The show will air on August 31, and will be taped a couple of days before. Get him information on what we might want to have him discuss.

Jeff also asked if there were other things the commission could assist with. The Education Committee still needs people, and there may be additional activities that come up in the future. Jacqui will keep the committee posted.

#### **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm.