

## **MINUTES**

### **BLOOMINGTON COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2006 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE AUDITORIUM OF THE MONROE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, 303 EAST KIRKWOOD AVE., BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA**

#### **Roll Call**

Members present: Robert Bent, Susan Brackney, Keith Clay, Christine Glaser, John Hamilton, George Huntington, Cairril Mills, Darryl Neher, Dave Rollo, Catherine Stafford, John West, Toby Strout

Staff present: Danise Alano, Asst. Director of Economic Development  
Kären Sullivan, Intern, Office of the Mayor – BCOS  
Kate Mobley, Intern, Office of the Mayor – BCOS

#### **Call to Order/Approval of Minutes/Announcements**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05p.m. by Dave Rollo. All members of the Commission were present.

The minutes from the December meeting were unanimously approved after noting that “Summary” should be changed to “Minutes” and the next meeting date should be January 10, 2006 (not February 14).

Dave Rollo announced that he would be speaking on behalf of BloomingPeak about Peak Oil on February 5 at the Unitarian Universalist Church from 10:15-11:00a.m. and on February 7 during Chamber Chat at the Village Deli at 7:30a.m.

#### **Public Comment**

Bobbi Boos requested that the indicator group look at more indicators that include local food use, buying recycled materials and public health issues. The Indicators Committee said they would take her comments into consideration and urged her and the rest of the public to participate in the focus groups to make their concerns known.

#### **Old Business – Leadership Structure and 2006 Officer Elections**

Dave Rollo nominated John Hamilton for Chair and Darryl Neher for Vice-Chair. Catherine Stafford seconded both nominations. The Commission unanimously approved both nominations. Cairril Mills led the Commission in thanking Dave Rollo for his service as interim Chair. John Hamilton began his role of chairing the remainder of the meeting.

#### **Old Business – Task Groups**

The process/implementation group reported that they discussed how to advance sustainability in Bloomington and agreed upon three things that the Commission needs to act on: education, a community visioning process and sustainable progress. The

Commission discussed the role of committees and what possible committees needed to be formed at this time. Committees discussed include education, indicators, development, visioning process, and immediate action items. The Commission agreed to have standing committees for Indicators and Education. The Indicator Committee will continue to function as they have been with Darryl Neher, Catherine Stafford and Susan Brackney composing the committee. The Commission created an Education Committee with Bob Bent, Cairril Mills, Dave Rollo and Christine Glaser volunteering to serve on the Committee. Both committees will create their own charters and submit them to Darryl and John for approval.

The Indicators Committee presented an updated list of indicators, press release and focus group information and requested feedback by Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. Dates and times for holding focus groups are Monday February 27 from 1:00p.m. to 2:30p.m. and 6:30p.m. to 8:00p.m. at the Monroe County Public Library Room 1C and on Wednesday, March 1 from 1:00p.m. to 2:30p.m. and 6:30p.m. to 8:00p.m. at the Monroe County Public Library Room 1B.

### **New Business**

Staff will work with the focus group press release created by the Indicators Committee to create a press release that also includes information about the leadership of the Commission and the mission statement. Darryl Neher also mentioned that he would devote an hour of his show to the BCOS in the future.

Dave Rollo, Keith Clay and John West will coordinate schedules to interview candidates for the Commission intern position.

### **Staff Report**

Kate Mobley will be leaving the Mayor's Office and the Commission on Sustainability on January 23<sup>rd</sup> to pursue an internship in Philadelphia. The Commission thanked Kate for her hard work and wished her well in future endeavors.

The Greenway Corridor recently held a design meeting for the downtown section of this former CSX railway which will be turned into a multi-use trail. A public meeting will likely be held in the summer; please attend if you are interested as it deals with many issues of Sustainability. Staff will keep the BCOS posted.

### **Additional Business**

The March 14<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting lands on the week of Spring Break. The Commission agreed to reschedule the meeting for Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. Staff will find a location for the new meeting date.

Christine Glaser gave a presentation on the Natural Step at the conclusion of the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50pm after a unanimous vote. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 14, 2006 in the McCloskey Room at City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kären Sullivan, Office of the Mayor, Intern  
January 17, 2006