

## Feb 13, 2024 | BCOS Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
  - a. Matt Austin - here, in person
  - b. Kate-Lyn Edwards - here, online
  - c. David Maenner - here, in person
  - d. Jon Eldon - here, in person
  - e. Jessica Davis - absent
  - f. Dave Rollo - here, in person
  - g. Hannah Gregory - here, in person
  - h. Justin Vassel - here, in person
  - i. Alex Hakes - absent
  - j. Denis Vera - absent
3. Approval of Agenda
  - a. Approved, no objections
4. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Approved, need to update attendance of Neijla and David
5. Public Comment (15-20 minutes, up to 3 minutes per person)
  - a. Daniel Olsen here to advocate and share about Thomas Horrocks, who is running for Indiana House District 62
    - i. Not looking for endorsement, looking for volunteers and to share info about Thomas
    - ii. Passed out pamphlets about the candidate to each BCOS member for review
6. Report from Acting Chair
  - a. David serving as intermittent chair for this meeting, will be voting next month
7. Report from Staff Liaison
  - a. Did not relieve any sustainable neighborhoods grant proposals
  - b. Working on IDEM Climate Pollution Reduction grant proposal
    - i. Focusing on Project 46 and reducing GHG emissions
    - ii. Close to hiring a regional climate alliance consultant to do a regional GHG inventory/assessment
    - iii. Proposal will be submitted on Thursday
8. Report from Council Ex-Officio
  - a. Dave Rollo new Ex-Officio
  - b. Summit Development will have ~4,000-5,000 units, housing upwards of 10,000 people
    - i. 15-20% affordable housing, mix of apartments and townhomes, PUD requirement is 15%

- ii. There will be opportunity for the community to provide feedback to the planning commission
- iii. Environmental concerns – conservation of existing trees, preserving riparian area
- iv. Social concern – currently a homeless encampment due to proximity to Wheeler Mission, concerns about displacement
- v. Lots of information still up in the air regarding the project
- vi. Can we ask the planning department to present on the planning sustainability/environmental features of the development?**
- vii. Environmental Commission is reviewing this on Thursday

9. Reports from Commissioners

- a. Just Transition Working Group
  - i. No updates
- b. Community Outreach
  - i. Justin handed out [Engagement Strategy](#) for BCOS members to review
    - 1. Three objectives:
      - a. Identify related organizations
      - b. Maintain awareness of related organization’s activities
      - c. Identify and pursue opportunities for collaboration
    - ii. Justin has been attending other commission meetings, including the Environmental Commission
      - 1. “Bucket List” planning meeting where they lay out all of their ideas/goals for the year and pick the highest priority ones
      - 2. Some projects of theirs includes continuing and improving the Habitat Connectivity plan, looking at getting Bloomington to become a Bee Corp city, also looking to do more marketing and community outreach
      - 3. Justin suggests that a couple of us go to monthly meetings of commissions that have shared goals/missions
- c. Waste Management
  - i. Update on Bokashi composting method, GardenQuest got a state funded grant to grow the program in Matt’s neighborhood (Covenanter)

- ii. Matt brought forward a bill that we should review individually and come back as group to talk about possibly endorsing:  
<https://www.braun.senate.gov/news/press-releases/sen-braun-introduces-indiana-wilderness-and-recreation-bill/>
    - iii. Need to keep pushing on a resolution to city-wide composting since Earth Keepers is gone!
- 10. Discussions Not Resolutions
  - Strategy Review and Discussion
    - 1. David suggests reviewing BCOS's mission and objectives, narrowing it down to 3 main goals
  - PROPEL Project Business case
    - i. Might become a sub-project of the Outreach Committee
    - b. Dave Rollo would like for us to think about Local Food Economy / Food Security Initiative as a topic of interest for BCOS
      - i. Shawn said the new Climate Resilience Plan has created a new Urban Agriculture Task Force
- 11. Resolutions for First Reading
  - a. No Resolutions
- 12. Resolutions for Second Reading
  - a. No Resolutions
- 13. New Business
  - a. David brought up the fact that we would like to have influence on incoming BCOS members / have more visibility on the process. Is there a way in to being involved?
    - i. Dave will check into it
    - ii. Can there be a permanent place for a student representative?
- 14. Adjournment

Next Meeting: March 12 , 2024 at 6 pm