APPROVED OCTOBER 14, 2025

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY

Minutes

Tuesday, September 09,2025 6:00pm

McCloskey Conference Room — City Hall

1. **Call to Order:** Justin Vassal called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm

2. **Roll Call:**

Members

Commissioner	Present	Virtual	Note
Tara Dunderdale	☑	☐	
Justin Vasel	☑	☐	
Matt Austin	☑	☐	
Jon Eldon	☑	☐	Left at 7:30pm
Dave Rollo	☑	☑	
Quentin Gilly	☑	☐	Arrived 6:10pm
Alex Jorck	☑	☑	
Jami Scholl	☑	☐	Arrived 6:20 pm
Evan Nix	☑	☑	Arrived 6:03 pm (Attended previous 3 meetings virtually. Not counted to quorum or voting this meeting)
Annalise Janke	☑	☐	
Diana Ogrodowski	☑	☐	
Chenghuai Xu	☑	☐	

City Staff

Chaz Motzinger

3. **Approval of Agenda**

ACTION: Matt Austin moved to Approve the Agenda. Diana Ogrodowski seconded. Motion Passed with a Roll Call vote of 9-0-0.

Approval of Minutes: Aug 12, 2025

ACTION: Diana Ogrodowski moved to Approve the Agenda. Matt Austin seconded. Motion Passed with a Roll Call vote of 9-0-0.

4. **Public Comment**

No comments from the public

5. **Reports from Commissioners**

    a. **Chair (Justin Vasel) -** Provided review of attendance policy from BCOS by-laws and state code for meetings and reminder to attend in-person when possible.
    b. **B. Waste Management Working Group (Matt Austin)**-The working group in partnership with GardenQuest is looking for another festival to partner with for a followup to the Bokashi Composting Pilot at Taste of Bloomington. Discussion among commissioners of possible partnerships to pursue for working group grant. Suggestions to submit a 2.0 pilot for the 2026 Taste of Bloomington to see if longer planning time yields improved results on food waste diversion and public education.
    c. **Ad-Hoc Committee: Sustainability Assessment Report (Tara Dunderdale) -** Report is delayed due to commissioner illness. SHould be available for review at October meeting.
    d. **Cob Bench Update (Evan Nix)-** Faced challenges in getting necessary equipment for excavation. Discussion of whether a no cost extension application will be required to complete the project. Outstanding question for city staff if whether the 12 month window for completing the project is from the date of the grant approval or the funds distribution.
    e. **Council Ex-Officio (Dave Rollo)-**Council has completed budget hearings and is set to vote at next business meeting. There are issues related to

economic sustainability and development that are relevant to BCOS priorities and within scope for the commissions goals, however it is unlikely to get a resolution in front of council in time for this budget cycle. Commissioners discussed adding as a focus for work in advance of the 2027 budget cycle.

ACTION: Tara Dunderdale moved to amend the agenda change the order of the Resolutions for Second Reading and Discussion to occur before Discussion of Topics not the Subject of Resolutions. Diana Ogrodowski seconded. Motion Passed with a Roll Call vote of 10-0-0.

6. **Resolutions for Second Reading and Discussion**

    a. **Resolution 2025-02 regarding the urban forestry budget (Tara Dunderdale)**
    Tara Dunderdale provided additional resources to address questions from the first reading of the resolution.

ACTION: Analise Janke moved to adopt the resolution. Commission moved to discussion. Commission discussed the resolution and additional potential amendments.
ACTION: Tara Dunderdale moved to amend the resolution adding an additional clause reading: "Whereas, The Bloomington Urban Forestry Plan states 'The City of Bloomington has a legal and moral obligation to maintain healthy and safe trees on municipal land and public streets. The Urban Forestry plan is a reasonable and responsible plan to make the City and its neighborhoods healthier for humans, more aesthetically pleasing, and to reduce tree-related problems'; and"

Analise Janke seconded. Motion Passed with a Roll Call vote of 11-0-0.
ACTION: Matt Austin moved to extend the meeting time by 15 minutes.. Tara Dunderdale seconded. Motion Passed with a Roll Call vote of 11-0-0.
ACTION: Alex Jorck moved to amend the resolution adding an additional clause reading: "Whereas, The cost of removing and replacing invasive trees such as callery pear is an expensive undertaking". Tara Dunderdale seconded. Motion Passed with a Roll Call vote of 11-0-0.

Motion to move to a vote. Resolution adopted by a roll call vote of 10-0-0

7. **Discussion of Topics Not the Subject of Resolutions**

    a. **Sustainability Forums (Chenghuai Xu)-**commissional shared an idea for a working group grant to fund community education talks on sustainability.

   b. **Food Resilience Strategy (Jami Scholl) -** Commissioner shared update on resources included in the meeting packet and discussed possible uses for future BCOS work.

8. **Resolutions for First Reading and Discussion**
   a. **No resolutions for First Reading**
9. **Report from Staff Liaison**
   a. **No report from Staff Liaison**
10. **Member Announcements**
    a. **No Member Announcements**
11. **New Business**
    a. No new business
12. **Adjournment:** Justin Vassal adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.