

Bloomington Commission on Sustainability and Resilience

Minutes

Tuesday, March 10, 2025 6:00pm

McCloskey Conference Room — City Hall

1. **Call to Order:** Chairperson Vassel called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm

2. **Roll Call:**

Members

Commissioner	Present	Virtual	Note
Tara Dunderdale	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Justin Vassel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Matt Austin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Christopher Miles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Zach Ammerman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Dave Rollo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Quentin Gilly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Alex Jorck	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Maria Aarsta	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Chenghuai Xu	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Diana Ogrodowski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ross Carlson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Shawn Miya

Jolie Perry

3. Approval of Agenda

ACTION: Commissioner Carlson made a motion to move item 12A. Officer Elections to after item 6. Commissioner Reports. Commissioner Ogradowski seconded. No debate. Agenda passed by unanimous consent as amended.

ACTION:

4. Approval of Minutes: Feb 10, 2026

ACTION: Commissioner Jorck moved to approve. Commissioner Austin seconded. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

5. Public Comment

No public comment

6. Reports from Commissioners

a. Chair's report

- i. Commission currently has 2 vacancies.
- ii. Welcoming new mayoral appointee Commissioner Maria Aarsted.
- iii. Commissioner Xu will be move out of Bloomington but hopes to do one more sustainability forum before departing at the end of April
- iv. Retreat planning is still underway. For future planning holding it after March elections aligns well with out organizational calendar.

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- v. **2025 annual report is in progress.**
 - vi. **The capstone project will be presented in Council Chambers Tuesday April 28, 2026.**
 - vii. **Congratulations to the city for the A list rating from CDP.**
 - viii. **City Council passed the renaming of the commission. The move included some changes to code the govern BCORS.**
 - ix. **The waste reduction District Compost and Rainbarrel sale is going on now.**
 - x. **BCOSR will have presence at Earth Day. COMmissioner Dunderdale will work with city staff to get materials.**
- b. Waste Management Working Group**
- i. **No report**
- c. Council Ex-Officio Report from Councilmember Rollo**
- i. **Hopewell development has a second discussion scheduled for March 25**
 - ii. **Deliberative session is Feb 11 to discuss budget priorities for council. They are discussing a lot of items relevant to BCOSR mission.**
 - iii. **Council is understaffed right now so BCOSR drafting legislation on chicken flock size amendment would improve chance of it being considered.**

12. New Business

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A. Officer Elections - commission decided via consensus to use a position by position approach to elections.

a. Chair

i. Commissioner Dunderdale nominates Chairperson Vassel, Councilmember Rollo seconded. Chairperson Vassel accepts the nomination. No other nominations.

ii. Commissioner Dunderdale ran the rolcalls. Chairperson Vassel elected chair via unanimous rollcall vote 11-0-0

b. Vice-Chair

i. Commissioner Carlson nominates Commissioner Ammerman. Commissioner Dunderdale seconds. Commissioner Ammerman accepts. No other nominations. Commissioner Ammerman elected Vice-Chair by unanimous roll call vote 11-0-0.

c. Secretary

i. Commissioner Austin nominates Commissioner Dunderdale. Commissioner Ammerman seconds. Commissioner Dunderdale accepts. No other nominations. Commissioner Dunderdale elected Secretary by unanimous rollcall vote 11-0-0.

d. Treasurer

i. Chairperson Vassel nominates Commissioner Miles. Commissioner Austin seconds. Commissioner Miles

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accepts. No other nominations. Commissioner Miles elected Treasurer by unanimous roll call vote 11-0-0.

7. Discussion of Topics Not the Subject of Resolutions

- a. Presenter: Justin Vassel**
- b. i. Action Item: Approval is requested for a redesign of the Commission word logo to reflect the new name. Discussed what new masthead to use given name change for the commission. Preferred option voted on by unanimous voice vote. No dissent or abstention.**

8. Resolutions for Second Reading and Discussion

- a. Resolution 2026-02: Concerning Automated License Plate Reader Surveillance Technology and Its Implications for Social Sustainability, Community Resilience, and The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals**
Presenter: Justin Vassel
Action Item: Adoption of the resolution
Motion to adopt: Chairperson Vassel moved to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Ammerman seconds.
Discussion: Chairperson Vassel moved to amend the resolution as changes that appear in the meeting packet. Commissioner Ogradowski seconds.

Discussion of amendment: commissioner Dunderdale agrees the amendment makes good changes to the resolution.

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Vote on amendment - amendment passes with unanimous roll call vote 11-0-0.

Discussion: conversation among commissioners about the environmental impact of the data resources utilized by Flock and other similar companies. Commissioners discussed planning for a subsequent resolution about the environmental impact of data centers and utilizing technologies that rely on them.

Amendment: Chairperson Vassel moves to amend section 5, striking the word and and adding to the list of recipients of the resolution: IU Parking operations, IU Board of Trustees, IU President, Monroe County Commissioners, Monroe County Council, and Monroe County Sherrif. Commissioner Ammerman Seconds. Amendment passed by unanimous roll call vote.11-0-0.

Discussion: discussion of making reference to specific materials in the research packet. No amendment brought forward but Commission will ensure research packet is included in the public meeting materials.

Vote to adopt as amended: Resolution passes with a unanimous rollcall vote 11-0-0.

9. Resolutions for First Reading and Discussion

A. Resolution 2026-03: Concerning The Pedestrianization of Kirkwood Avenue and Sustainable Transportation

Presenter: Zach Ammerman

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i. Action Item: Advancement of the resolution to second reading

Chairperson Vassel read aloud an email from city staff Jane Cooper-Smith informing the commission that the city is invested in pedestrianization and is planning an RFP.

Commissioner Ammerman moves to advance to second reading,

Commissioner Jorck seconds.

Discussion: Context of resolution shared from Commissioner Ammerman, Questions from commissioner Dunderdale about accessibility concerns of closure and accessing public buildings like the library. Councilmember Rollo discussed that this is a source of on-going dispute but is difficult for council to address without sufficient staff. Resolution advanced to a second reading by unanimous roll call vote 11-0-0.

B. Resolution 2026-04: Against The Use of Glyphosate in Bloomington's Public Spaces and Environmental Practices

Presenter: Matt Austin

Action Item: Advancement of the resolution to second reading

Commissioner Miles moves to move to second reading, commissioners Ogradowski and Gilly second.

Discussion of current city practices, volume of use, and use in treating invasive species. Advances to second reading by unanimous roll call vote- 11-0-0.

10. Report from Staff Liaison

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- a. Project 46 applying for a green infrastructure grant. City hall LED lighting upgrades are complete.**

11. Member Announcements

- a. Garden Quest is bringing back Bokashi workshop**
- b. Bloomington Energy works canvassing will be March 28th**
- c. There is an sustainability aligned art installation at Eshkanzi**
- d. Canopy bloomington has tree planting events coming up.**

- 13. Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm. Next Meeting is April 7, 2026.**