

**Board of Public Works
Meeting Minutes for July 28, 2026**

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works was held on Tuesday July 28, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.
Bloomington City Hall, 401 North Morton Street
McCloskey, Room 135

The public could attend virtually at the following Zoom link:

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Members of the Board of Public Works Present

- Elizabeth Karon, President Appointed January 5, 2022 by the Mayor
- Kyla Cox Deckard, Vice President Appointed January 2, 2016 by the Mayor.
- James Roach, Secretary Appointed January 17, 2024 by the Mayor.

BMC 2.09.020 states these members serve at the pleasure of the Mayor.

City Employees Present:

Miranda Beaver, Public Works

Mike Arnold, HAND

Jeremy Bettis, HAND

Cassie Werne, Public Works

Kendall Knoke, Engineering

Zach Bell, Engineering

1. Messages from Board Members

2. Title 6 Abatements

1. 914 W. 3rd Street

Mike Arnold, HAND, presented a request for abatement at 914 W. 3rd Street for approval. On May 8, 2026, a Housing And Neighborhood Development Neighborhood Compliance Officer inspected the property located at 914 W. 3rd Street and issued a Notice of Violation for excessive growth. On May 22, 2026; June 2, 2026; June 12, 2026; and July 1, 2026, a Neighborhood Compliance Officer re-inspected the property and issued additional Notices of Violation for the excessive growth. The NOVs were issued to Ronald Dahlberg Jr. and Susan Dahlberg, the owners of the property. The violations have not been corrected and the NOVs were not appealed. The Notice of Request to Abate was served on the Owner of the Property by certified mail. The abatement order should be continuous. Roach asked Arnold if he knew what the situation might be with the property owner. Arnold said that he thinks the recorded owners might be deceased because they are having trouble getting in contact with them. The property is for sale, so they are hopeful to get information from the real estate agent. Cox Deckard asked if the couch was still there. Arnold said it is now gone. Karon mentioned in the work session that the continuous abatement had expired on May 9th and everything went back to the same situation. Arnold said that was correct. Cox Deckard made a motion to approve continuous abatement at 914 W. 3rd Street. Roach seconded. Karon called roll, all in favor, motion passed.

3. Petitions and Remonstrances

4. Consent

1. Minutes June 16, 2026
2. Noise Permit Request for Secretly Event on 9.26.2026
3. Noise Permit Request for Mother Hubbard's Annual Garden Party
4. Right of Way Special Event - 4th Street Festival
5. Right of Way Special Event - Bryan Park Block Party
6. Contract with Bloomington Seal Coating & Paving, Inc. for Seal Coating at Fire Training Tower Area
7. Change Order #1 with DC Construction Services for the Jefferson Street Sidewalk Project
8. Change Order #1 with E&B Paving for the Kirkwood, Grimes, Patterson, and Rogers Street Maintenance Project
9. Contract Addendum 2 with CGR Services for Bus Stop Shelter Installation
10. Payroll

Cox Deckard asked if the Noise Permit Request for Secretly Event on 09.26.2026 could be taken off the consent agenda and be moved to the regular agenda. Cox Deckard made a motion to move the Noise Permit Request for Secretly Event on 09.26.2026 from the consent agenda to the new business. Roach seconded. Karon called roll, all in favor, motion passed and item two on the consent agenda was moved to number one on new business agenda. Karon called roll for the consent agenda, all in favor, motion passed.

5. New Business

1. Noise Permit Request for Secretly Event on 9.26.2026

Miranda Beaver, Public Works, presented Noise Permit Request for Secretly Event on 09.26.2026 for approval. As part of Secretly Group's 30th Anniversary and the final night of Granfalloon festival, they would like to host a short show after the last Granfalloon show at their warehouse down the B-Line as a nod to both their start in doing DIY shows, as well as giving back to the community that has supported them. The show would consist of 2 short sets by Secretly bands on the loading dock of the warehouse from 10:30 pm to 12:30 am on Saturday, August 29, 2026. Attendees would set up in the parking lot to watch the show and admission is free. Secretly has been in touch with the Neighborhood Association as well. Staff recommends this noise permit for approval. Cox Deckard asked about the conversations with the Neighborhood Association and what that collaboration has looked like. Beaver stated that the permit just states that within the permit itself, the petitioner stated that contact had been made with the Neighborhood Association that's in that location. Cox Deckard stated that the main concern with this is in the past, noise petitioners have two strict cutoffs. One at 11 pm and the other at 12 am. Cox Deckard would be comfortable with approving this to end at 12 am. The greatest concern is amplified music. Half the property is facing a park and the other half is in the neighborhood. Karon said for consistency not doing a one off extended time makes sense. Karon made a motion to approve Noise Permit Request for Secretly Event on 09.26.2026, concluding amplified noise at 12 am. Roach seconded. Karon called roll, all in favor, motion passed.

2. Right of Way Special Event – IU Homecoming Parade

Cassie Werne, Public Works, presented the Right of Way Special Event – IU Homecoming Parade for approval. The Indiana University Foundation is requesting to close Kirkwood Avenue between Walnut Street and Indiana Avenue on Friday, October 31 from 5 to 7:30pm for the IU Homecoming Parade. Washington Street between 6th and 4th Street would be closed for staging beginning at 2:30pm. All other bisecting north/south streets including Lincoln Street, Grant Street, Dunn Street and Indiana Avenue will be closed once the parade begins at 5:30pm and will reopen as the parade finishes. The Indiana University Homecoming Parade is a longstanding Bloomington tradition that has celebrated the partnership between Indiana University and the community for more than 100 years. Its purpose is to showcase the people, organizations, and traditions that make both IU and Bloomington unique. While the parade has followed several routes over the years, it was held on Kirkwood Avenue as recently as 2015 before moving to Woodlawn Avenue. In 2025, the parade featured 74 entries, with participation continuing to grow, particularly among student organizations and floats. Returning the parade to Kirkwood Avenue supports the goal of creating a true "town and gown" celebration by bringing the event into the heart of downtown, where it can be enjoyed by more residents, students, businesses, and visitors. As a free, family-friendly tradition, the parade strengthens community connections and celebrates Bloomington's unique relationship with Indiana

University. Cox Deckard stated that the Board has not yet received an application for downtown Trick or Treat and there is a potential that these two events could intersect. Cox Deckard also wanted to know if these events will overlap. Werne said staff don't receive a right-of-way special event application for downtown trick or treat because they don't close any roads. Werne reached out to Downtown Bloomington Inc. coordinators and let them know this request had come in. Werne stated that a downtown trick or treat was being scheduled for the weekend before Halloween. Cox Deckard said downtown trick or treat is very busy and with both of these events taking place it will be good for downtown. Cox Deckard made a motion to approve the Right of Way Special Event – IU Homecoming Parade. Roach seconded. Karon called roll, all in favor, motion passed.

3. Preliminary Engineering Contract with HNTB for the 10th Street Safety Improvements Project

Kendall Knoke, Engineering, presented a Preliminary Engineering Contract with HNTB for the 10th Street Safety Improvements Project for approval. This project includes safety and drainage improvements along E 10th St including but not limited to sidewalk/curb ramp reconstruction, crosswalk improvements, traffic calming, raised intersections, rain gardens, new storm sewer, additional street lighting, additional vegetated areas and street trees, and other associated improvements. HNTB was selected to perform preliminary engineering services for this project due to their inclusion on the engineering department's pre-approved list. Their services and team are the right fit for this project. The contract amount is set at a not to exceed amount of \$317,500. The project is expected to go out to bid mid-2027 and construction is expected to begin in 2027 and may extend into 2028. Funding will be provided through the engineering department's annual budget for safety improvement opportunities. Cox Deckard asked what section of 10th Street. Knoke said it officially starts from Morton to Park. There's that intersection that has been identified as possibly needing to be improved in conjunction with some of the things happening in the Trades District. This corridor ties IU to the Trades District. The park was selected because there was an intersection improvement done with Woodlawn that extends to Park. Park is where the old cross section starts and where the proposed improvements start. Knoke made mention that IU received some kind of federal earmark to improve 10th Street further east in their section. Karon asked what kind of community input will be solicited for a project like this. Knoke said that Planning has done a lot of pop ups along the corridor and have had conversations with pedestrians along this corridor. There was also an online forum. As engineering takes over the public will be updated on the design process and get feedback from various stages. Roach said portions of this corridor are very tight. There's not a lot of right-of-way there and there are historic retaining walls. Would you anticipate that most of the improvements are within the bounds of the current streets cross-section? Knoke said there is no anticipation to acquire more right-of-way for this project. It will remain in the confines of the existing right-of-way. IU owns properties along this corridor and is a partner in this project in a lot of places. There's a redevelopment happening along this section of 10th Street. Those buildings are building a 10-foot wide sidewalk and an 8-foot tree plot. In those places you will see the road shift a little bit so we are providing a tree plot on the other side of the road. Cox Deckard made a motion to approve the Preliminary Engineering Contract with HNTB for the 10th Street Safety Improvements Project. Roach seconded. Karon called roll, all in favor, motion is passed.

4. Right of Way Closure Request for Renovia at 1425 N. Dunn Street

Zach Bell, Engineering, presented the Right of Way Closure Request for Renovia at 1425 N. Dunn Street for approval. The petitioner is requesting approval of a temporary right-of-way closure at 1425 N. Dunn Street to accommodate exterior work. The request includes temporary closure of sidewalks as necessary to safely complete the work. The closures are proposed from July 27th through August 14th 2026, during normal construction hours. Pedestrian traffic will be rerouted in accordance with the approved maintenance of traffic plan. Sidewalk closure 1 will be on the west side of the sidewalk along North Dunn Street with a detour to the east side of North Dunn Street from July 27 -July 30. Sidewalk closure 2 will be on the north side of the sidewalk along East 17th Street with a detour to the south side of East 17th Street. Sidewalk closure 3 will be on the south side of the sidewalk along East 18th Street with a detour to the north side of East 18th Street. Cox Deckard said there is a date range for the first closure. Bell said that was his mistake. If you look at the traffic plan that they submitted, that information is actually on there. East 17th Street is July 31st through August 7th. 18th Street is August 10th through August 14th. Cox Deckard asked if Evolve is the only property along that stretch or are there any other property owners that are impacted. Bell said from what he can see Evolve is the only one and they own

the right of way. There are no other properties affected except for downstream of the sidewalk closure and there will be proper MOT set up. Karon noted that during the work session it was discussed about what a potentially challenging time of the year this is for a project like this. Cox Deckard made a motion to approve the Right of Way Closure Request for Renovia at 1425 N. Dunn Street. Roach seconded. Karon called roll, all in favor, motion passed.

5. Right of Way Closure Request for City of Bloomington Utilities on Indiana between 12th and 13th

Zach Bell, Engineering, presented the Right of Way Closure Request for City of Bloomington Utilities on Indiana between 12th and 13th for approval. The petitioner is requesting approval of temporary right-of-way closures at 901 N. Indiana Avenue to accommodate work on a sanitary sewer main. The request includes temporary closure of Indiana Avenue and East 12th Street as necessary to safely complete the work. The closures are proposed from August 4th through August 9th during normal construction hours and overnight. Vehicular traffic will be maintained, shifted, or rerouted in accordance with the approved maintenance of traffic plan. The street closure will take place adjacent to 901 North Indiana Avenue with local access to be maintained. The detour route will be East 12th Street, Fess Avenue, and 13th Street. The street closure will take place adjacent to 901 North Indiana Avenue with local access to be maintained. The detour route will be North Dunn Street, East 11th Street, and Fess Avenue. Both closures will be in place from August 4 - August 5, then will shift to a closure of only Indiana Avenue for the remaining time. Cox Deckard asked if utilities had been coordinating with IU on the anticipated closure. Bell stated the usual way is through InRoads. That CBU would update InRoads and then everyone gets updated. Cox Deckard said it looks like it will be completed before the bulk of the flow of traffic through the area that might be related to the university. Just wanted to make sure there wasn't anything that would be affected like a summer program. Bell said he will speak with James Hall from Utilities and make sure that he reaches out and ensures that IU is fully aware. Cox Deckard made a motion to approve the Right of Way Closure Request for City of Bloomington Utilities on Indiana between 12th and 13th. Roach seconded. Karon called roll, all in favor, motion passed.

6. Staff Reports

7. Approval of Claims

Cox Deckard made a motion to approve the Claims in the amount of \$ 5,109,027.70. Roach seconded. Karon called roll, all in favor, motion passed.

8. Adjournment

President Karon called for adjournment at 5:55pm.

Accepted By:

Signed by:


Elizabeth Karon, President

Signed by:


Kyla Cox Deckard, Vice President

Signed by:


James Roach, Secretary

Date: 9/9/2026

Attest to:

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