

Environmental Commission Meeting

Meeting Minutes for Thursday, June 11, 2026 at 6:00pm

This meeting was held in the Hooker Room (Suite 245, City Hall, 401 N. Morton St).

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:01pm.

Commission members present in person: Carrie Albright, Heidi Brown, Matt Caldie, Adam Fudickar, Adam Martinez, Mitchell Owens, Karl Gaisser, Justin Meschter

Commission members present over Zoom: None

Commission members absent: None

City staff and elected officials present: Jackie Scanlan (P&T), Enedina Kassamarian (Legal), Mary Getz (Parks and Recreation)

Member(s) of the public present: Justin Vasel

Roll Call

In-Person: Carrie Albright, Heidi Brown, Matt Caldie, Adam Martinez, Mitchell Owens, Karl Gaisser, Justin Meschter

Approval of Agenda and Approval of Memoranda/Minutes

- Caldie made a motion for the approval of the agenda. Martinez seconded. Motion passes by roll call - 7:0.

Adam Fudickar arrives.

- Caldie made a motion to approve the May 21, 2026 meeting minutes. Martinez seconded. Motion passes by roll call - 8:0.

Public Comment

- Vasel: Chair of BCOSR, attending to meet people.

Reports

- Commissioner Reports
 - Walk-In Items
 - Caldie:
 - Talking with BCOSR re: Joint resolution on light pollution. Going to try to do a joint special session in August for both bodies to approve on the same day.
 - Watched BCOSR: Training presentation from J. Crossley; Rollo did a report on dangers of AI; Adopted a resolution related to glue traps; Miya is seeking suggestions for speakers from an event in 2027 - email if you have ideas
 - Owens:

- Registration for BugFest is open, it is scheduled for 9/26/2026
 - Caldie:
 - Watched PC meeting re: North Grove on Dunn St.
 - Some things have changed. If we want to write a letter, it needs to be soon.
 - Fudickar:
 - Leonard Springs is being considered by DNR for nature preserve designation
 - Parks and Recreation are working on a five-year master plan
- Staff Reports
 - Planning and Transportation Department Reports
 - Johnson is out, let me know if you need anything
 - Legal Department Reports
 - Follow-Up From Last Meeting
 - Open Door Law: Right now, they have 8 members, and 12 seats. Need 7 for quorum and 4 in-person.
 - Caldie: Can we see the quorum reasoning? Scanlan forwarded email from Legal to the Commission.
 - Does the Commission have to vote on Facebook posts?
 - They could designate someone to approve posts. Legal recommends that the Commission votes on each post, but it is not required.
 - Caldie: Can we vote on a topic for a post that doesn't exist yet? Yes.

New Business

- Deer Management at Lake Griffy Nature Preserve, presented by Mary Welz, Natural Resources Manager, Parks & Recreation Department
 - Discussed content related to deer harvest data report
 - Fudickar: Do you have the vegetation report in the report sent to the liaison? No, but will make sure it gets on the website.
 - Owens: Are you doing any tick studies? No, but Monroe County Health Department does one every year.
 - Brown: Did not know there were companies for this particular task.
 - Albright: Are your conversations informed by invasive removal or things like that? The data in transects have shown that deer browse favors invasive species which they then spread
- Officer Elections
 - Albright gave an overview
 - Chair
 - Brown nominates Gaisser
 - Gaisser nominates Albright
 - Motion: Martinez moves to elect Albright as Chair. Caldie 2nds. (6-0-2: Albright, Brown)

- Vice-Chair/Treasurer
 - Albright nominates Gaisser
 - Motion: Caldie moves to vote Gaisser as Vice-Chair/Treasurer. Martinez 2nds. (7-0-1, Gaisser)
- Secretary
 - Gaisser nominates Martinez
 - Motion: Albright moves to elect Martinez as Secretary. Caldie 2nds. (8-0)
- Annual Report and Presentation
 - Albright needs a couple of more photos from Commission members
 - How many ECPC memos were written in 2025? Staff will research.
 - Staff has reached out to Common Council to request a date for presentation. Staff will follow up with them.

Old Business

- None

Commissioner Announcements

- Scanlan announced the upcoming Green Infrastructure Tour by CBU. Forwarded email to Commissioners.
- Scanlan announced Director Hittle leaving.

Upcoming Meeting

- July 16, 2026, 6:00pm, Hooker Conference Room at Bloomington City Hall, Zoom and CATS

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:11pm.