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McCloskey Conference Room (Room 135), City Hall
401 N Morton St, Bloomington, IN 47404

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, October 13, 2026

APPROVED NOVEMBER 10, 2026

Commissioners Present In-Person: Tara Dunderdale, Justin Vasel, Rebecca Payne,Christopher Miles, Zach Ammerman, Dave Rollo, Terese Dorau, Alex Jorck, Maria Aarstad, Ross Carlson

Commissioners Present Virtually: Commissioner Jorck appeared virtually from 6:01 pm - 6:06 pm, Commissioner Carlson appeared virtually from 6:01 pm to 6:08 pm.

Guest Presenter: Alberto Ortega, O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs

Commissioners Absent: Diana Ogrodowski, Councilmember Rollo was absent from 6:05-6:19 and again from 7:15-7:19pm

Staff Present: Jolie Perry

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Justin Vasel called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM. At roll call, a quorum of 10 of 11 commissioners was present. Commissioners Jorck and Carlson appeared virtually for the start of the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION: Commissioner Ammerman moved to approve the agenda. Councilmember Rollo seconded. Motion passed with a roll-call vote of 10-0-0.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No corrections were offered to the minutes of the September 8th 2026, regular meeting and the September 15, 2026 special joint session with the Environmental Commission.

ACTION: Commissioner Ammerman moved to approve both sets of minutes. Commissioner Payne seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote, 9-0-0.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

- No public comment was made

5. REPORT FROM COMMISSIONERS

a. Chair's Report (Justin Vasel)

Chair Vasel reviewed the organizational chart and welcomed new commissioner from IU Office of Sustainability, Terese Dorau.

Commissioners Dunderdale, Vasel and Ogrodowski have terms expiring at the end of January 2027.

Chair provided a summary of news and updates relevant to the commission's work.

b. Council Ex-Officio (Dave Rollo)

Councilmember Rollo provided an update on upcoming legislation relevant to the commission's work. Of note was a second reading on legislation prohibiting ALPR cameras on October 14, 2026.

6. DISCUSSION OF TOPICS NOT THE SUBJECT OF RESOLUTIONS

a. Capstone Project Proposal: Social Housing Scenario Study for Bloomington/Monroe County

Commissioner Ammerman shared an overview of the proposed capstone partnership with Guest Speaker Alberto Ortega, the planned instructor for the course, adding additional context and answering questions from the commission.

Commissioner Ammerman asked commissions to vote today on committing to the partnership, if passed, to send recommendations for changes 1 week before the next meeting on November 10, 2026.

ACTION: Commissioner Carlson moved to accept the proposal, Commissioner Dunderdale seconded. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

b. Mayor's response to Flock Letter. Discussion of the response and possible next steps (Justin Vasel)

ACTION: Commissioner Ammerman moved to authorize chair Vasel to forward the commission's original letter, the mayor's response, and a comment from the commission on the inadequacy of the response.

Commissioner Miles seconded. The commission discussed key points to address in the letter.Motion passed by majority voice vote.

7. RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING

a. Resolution 2026-07: Enhancing the City's Protection of Significant and Heritage Trees

ACTION: Motion by commissioner Jorck to table to the next meeting, commissioner Dorou seconded. Passed by majority voice vote.

8. RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING

No resolutions for first reading.

9. REPORT FROM STAFF LIAISON

a. Working group grants for 2027 will be reduced to $1000 including administrative costs
b. Staff liaison confirmed that our bylaws are still the rule to use for determining quorum

10. MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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11. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

NEXT MEETING:
Tuesday, November 10, 2026, 6:00 PM