

August 20, 2020 EC Minutes

- 1) Send changes of the July minutes sheet to Linda because Kate is gone. There are a few corrections to be made.
- 2) Kristie Lindberg asked if the EC would be interested in partnering in making a video series for homeowners about storm water. She wants to make individual videos for homeowners with topics including planning, zoning, landscaping, permits, best management practices, and climate change. 5-10-minute videos. Adult stormwater education funding has increased. Increase awareness of best-storm water practices because that is actually up to homeowners. The EC wants to be kept in the loop.
- 3) Lauren Travis believes there's a lot of opportunity for collaboration between the county and city. Daniel Olsen has sent three emails to the Monroe County Environmental Commission to no avail. The MoCo EC wants to send out a survey to the public to try and find joint projects to work on with Bloomington EC. Late September to try and get the survey out. A climate ordinance might influence the survey questions.
- 4) Lauren Travis is the Assistant Director of Sustainability for the City of Bloomington. She created a presentation on climate hazards Bloomington is facing. Preparing for environmental change includes anticipating impacts, developing strategies to address impacts, and outreach and communication to communities at risk. Increased precipitation, more flooding, increased temperatures, increased pests and invasive species, increase of diseases are all possible outcomes. All of these changes can impact human life negatively. On the economic side agriculture yields decrease, energy expenditures can increase, less time people can work outside, and crime rates can increase. The impacts won't be equitable. Children, older adults, people with disabilities, economically stressed, and people of color will all be affected more. Things like flooding, pollution, can affect these populations. Even infrastructure can be affected. Road maintenance will increase, stormwater management will become more necessary, trees will decrease, and energy prices will go up. A longer presentation September 2nd
- 5) Tree commission: The urban forester discussed a few trees that came down in the last storm. Tree planting going on at Switchyard Park. Dead trees also need replacement there. A contract is being made with Blue Stone to help with problem trees. No environmental commissioner on Planning commission. A possible issue.
- 6) ERACE: Discussed trail maps. In the early stages. Griffy Lake master plan update and sent a long document already. Clear Creek trail taking out a variety of species. Tree planting at Shmultz Farm. No field trips now. Saturday weed wrangles have been cancelled.
- 7) Friends of Lake Monroe: Says waterways need to be cleaned up from ecoli, boat toilets need to be properly managed, and septic systems need to be improved. 20 sets of Public concerns.
- 8) Commission on Sustainability (BCOS): Waste outreach and waste reduction outreach should be more involved in their responsibilities.
- 9) Plan Commission: 4 cases. Brown stone apartments on 14th street, 19th and Lincoln, Hillside and Huntington, and The Warehouse adjacent to switchyard parking is going back for a second hearing.

- 10) A letter was written in complaint to the library for wanting to expand near Batchelor School. They plan to cut down a lot of trees. Next board meeting about the library is September 16th. Possible other areas of land to build on. A good idea to attend this meeting.
- 11) Environment justice letter. Two previous interns wrote draft summaries, and hopefully the new fellow can finish off the work. The Fellow will start next week.
- 12) Vote Forward is a great way to convince possible people that won't vote, to vote.
- 13) Donald wants to write a letter on energy and see if we should comment on the mayor's plan.