

MINUTES
Commission on Sustainability
McCloskey Conference Room - City Hall
Tuesday, July 12th, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

- a. Present: Emma, Shawn, Matt F, Joseph, Matt A, Elisha, David, Nejla, Nolan
- b. Absent: Kristina, Sarah

3. Agenda Adopted and Approved: Unanimous

4. No minutes available to to approve

5. Public Comment

- a. Stephanie Richards (Gnarly Tree Environmental Institute) noted she will be speaking on the Community Voices for Health later in the agenda.

6. Report from Co-Chairs

- a. None

7. Report from Staff Liaison, Lauren Clemens

- a. McKaylyn Lynch introduction
 - i. Sustainability Program Coordinator, Economic and Sustainability Development
 - ii. Will be assisting with implementation of CAP
- b. Upcoming meetings/events:
 - i. City budget hearings set for last week in August to Council. Will be available in-person and virtual.
 - ii. Climate Leadership Summit. Richmond, IN. Sept. 8-9. BCOS members encouraged to attend, especially for a session geared toward City sustainability/environmental commission. Virtual attendance information will be shared later.

8. Report from Council Ex-Officio

- a. Council is returning to session July 20 following summer break.
- b. Budget hearings will be last week in August.
- c. Transit and other climate-related budget information will be part of budgets.

9. Discussions Not Resolutions

- a. Community Voices for Health: Stephanie Richards, Gnarly Tree Sustainability Institute
 - i. Reached out to community members in order to gauge top community health concerns/issues and collect data over the past few years.
 - ii. Next step is to create a community health improvement plan collaboratively with community members/organizations.
 - 1. 10 priority issues were identified. Community voted on top three to address. These are: Poverty and health social services; inequity, discrimination, and bias; and Substance use and mental health
 - iii. Kickoff for working groups to be held July 14 at Fountain Square Mall

- iv. Partners include Monroe County Health Department, City? Parks Department, IU Health, HealthNet, and others.
- v. Previous Community Health Improvement Plans (CHIP) have been developed before. This is the latest iteration of that.
- vi. More information at <https://www.communityvoicesmonroecounty.org/>
- b. 2023 BCOS Annual Report Working Group Goals
 - i. Waste Reduction Working Group
 - 1. Multi-page plan for neighborhood compost project
 - a. Create Compost captains in neighborhood to receive other peoples compost in neighborhood
 - b. E.g. Matt A. Currently has neighbors dropping off compost at his personal compost.
 - c. Put together plan for how to best reach neighbors and get people to volunteer as CCs.
 - 2. Colab with MoCo waste district for compost drop off
 - 3. Feasibility of collecting milk carton type jugs to recycle
 - ii. Heat Preparedness Working Group
 - 1. Get feedback from County/City Departmetns regarding heat mgmt efforts
 - 2. Create Heat Mgmt Taskforce.
 - iii. Just Transition Working Group
 - 1. Three foci: One or more local event to focus on
 - a. Climate Justice
 - b. Economic Security (jobs and fairness in housing)
 - c. Housing (sustainability housing for hall, env. Harm reduction)
 - 2. End of year goal, one more event in Fall. Ideally when IU is in session.
 - 3. Would like more members
 - iv. Nejla to put together annual report and have draft put together before August meeting.
- c. Matt A - Ideas from National Restaurant Association Conference
 - i. Tetra Pak carton recycling options
 - 1. Can create dropoff sites in City to mail in for recycling
 - 2. Recyclecartons.com
 - 3. Would require funds to implement in City
 - ii. Plastic Water Bottle Alternative
 - 1. "Path" metal water bottles use non-BPA liners
 - 2. Notre Dame uses them in food services
 - 3. Customizable to attract attention from customers
 - iii. Reusable food takeout containers
 - 1. OZZI company example
 - 2. Used containers are returned to drop off sites.

3. University of Madison WI currently using and a Northwestern senior living facility
- d. Adoption of UN Sustainable Development Goals
 - i. 17 Goals for Sustainable Development
 - ii. David M. proposing for BCOS to adopt these as part of our process and to ID what goals we want to address to prevent scope creep and overlapping efforts
 - iii. <https://sdgs.un.org/goals>
 - iv. Could help us collaborate with others who are addressing same goals in community
 - v. Branding recognizable among others.
 - vi. Could help as a time saver
 - vii. IUPUI is using UNSDGs. Have gotten international recognition about this.
 1. <https://sdg.iupui.edu/sdgs-at-iupui>
 - viii. David will share a motion/resolution before next meeting and an action next meeting
10. **Change in the By-Laws re. “Duties of the Chairperson”**
 - a. First reading was last month.
 - b. Second reading and vote: Passed unanimously.
11. **Reports from Commissioners: None**
12. **Adjourn**