

Bloomington Commission on Sustainability  
MINUTES

McCloskey Conference Room - City Hall Tuesday, September 19th, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

1. Called to Order: Joseph Wynia
2. Roll call-
  - Present (Kristina Anderson, Matt Austin, Katelyn Edwards, Nolan Hendon, David Maenner, Joseph Wynia, Brian, Alex)
3. Agenda approved via unanimous consent
4. Approval of minutes 8/18 – Approved
5. Public Comment
  - i. Rachel Alford - President of Environmental Health Student Group
    1. Seeks to connect students to environmental health professionals (30-40 Current Members)
    2. Developing a project with Girls Inc. and professional speakers
  - ii. Liaison IU Office of Sustainability - presently open
  - iii. Spring Banquet - Anissa (Contact for IU Office of Sustainability)
6. Report from Co-Chair
  - Joseph Review of SPEA Sustainability Engagement Fair
    - i. Added a folder to the shared drive
    - ii. “Other Cities Folder”
    - iii. 3 Questions from round table
      1. How do the Commissions network and share information?
      2. Developing and marketing a sustainability commission
      3. What do these commissions do and what should they be doing?
      4. Environmental tools proved valuable
7. Report from City Liason -
  - i. Sustainability Engagement Fair
  - ii. Intro Zero In platform
  - iii. 9/24 10-12 soft launch
8. Report from Council Ex-Officio
  - i. Budget Cycle review includes:
    1. Plan for economic development
    2. Sustainability initiatives
    3. Transit program - Electric busses
    4. Staff Augmentation and retention
    5. Presentations on Budget on City Budget site
  - ii. Climate Leadership Summit
    1. Commissions act as staff support in other cities
    2. Grant and funding opportunities
    3. Council refers ordinances to commissions in other cities
  - iii. Dr. Aaron Deslatte - Survey of residents in towns over 1000
  - iv. Climate action Committee
    1. Resolutions on off-road fossil fuel equipment to incentivize transition to electric
    2. Community wide transition surveys and outreach of business and other lawn care companies/users

9. Resolutions Tabled

10. New Business

- i. Forest Management/ Waste Reduction
- ii. Investigating steps to implement actions on tetrapaks
- iii. Just Transition
- iv. completed policy research effecting community stakeholder
- Planning on 20-30 Community stakeholders to help determine policy applications
  - i. Oct 12, 20, 26 in Monroe County Library
- Nejla, Elisha, and Jared. Requesting more resources
- Request for Lauren to send initial outreach email
- Heat Management working group
  - i. HM task force - # of participants
    - 1. Red Crass - 1
    - 2. Monroe County Emergency Mgmt dept - 2
    - 3. City of Bloomington - 1
  - ii. 9/29 - Shawn to give presentation on heat Management plan
  - iii. Joe to present Commission Report to Council
    - 1. Joe will reach out to council to request scheduling of presentation - [council@bloomington.gov](mailto:council@bloomington.gov)

11. Adopting UN SDG's

- Just Transition - 1 and 10
- Support for limiting the SDGs to the 3 or less
- Formal Draft of resolution to adopt SDG'

12. Discussions Not Resolutions

- i. 2022 Annual report review
- ii. Sustainability Indicators to be included in annual report (Matt)
- iii. Update Sustain IU code with city (IU Office of Sustainability)
- iv. Motion - Nolan - For approval of Commission Report – Approved
  - 1. Kristy Y, Matt Y, Katy- Y, Matt- Y, Nolan – Y, Neijla – Y, Joe – Y, David - Y

13. ADJOURNMENT